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

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Opportunity Slipping

The news that M.C.A. is expanding its operations in Moncton by taking over a large hangar from T.C.A. and other steps...

It is impossible not to reflect that this expansion could and from our point of view should be taking place at the Charlottetown airport.

This Province once enjoyed a central position and excellent communications. That was in the days of sailing vessels, when our location in the Gulf of St. Lawrence...

The air age gives us a second opportunity to get in close and intimate touch with busy and developing areas. All around the Gulf there are signs of rapid progress.

None of this is possible, however, without adequate airport facilities. One opportunity has been missed. It is to be hoped that others will present themselves, but they will do us no good unless we are ready to take advantage of them.

Neither East Nor West

Perhaps Kipling is not an altogether suitable authority to quote in connection with the Big Four summit meetings at Geneva but he had a valid point in amending his original proposition about, "East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet."

The nations represented by their leaders at Geneva are great powers. There can be no question of anyone knuckling under because of weakness.

That being the case, they can speak openly and seek means of settling differences without any question of subservience one to another. In fact they all have the same essential interests, as have all nations, that it be possible for them to turn their energy in the direction of the greater well-being of their respective peoples.

Certainly the whole world is watching this meeting, not perhaps with excessive hopes that out of it will come the final solution of all international difficulties, but with reasonable confidence that a step will be taken towards the goal of peace and security.

Sharing The Burden

Municipalities can expect that a greater proportion of the financial burden for providing unemployment relief will be assumed by the senior governments if a proposed Federal formula is accepted by the provinces.

The new proposal, advanced by the Federal Government at a Federal-Provincial meeting held late in June, is that the Federal Government would pay 50 per cent of the cost of relief for those in need in each province in excess of 0.45 per cent of the population of that province.

A six-day meeting starting in Paris on the 18th is in danger of being overshadowed by the Big Four conference at Geneva.

getting aid in the province dips below the 0.45 per cent of the population, then the Federal Government will make no grant for that month. Records must be kept of the number of persons receiving aid in each province in each month, including dependents, and these records are to be subject to test audits by the Provincial and Federal authorities.

The proposal goes a long way, says the Listening Post of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, to meeting the claims of the provinces and the municipalities that the Federal Government should take on a greater proportion of the cost of providing unemployment assistance.

A Reasonable Motion

It was easy enough for the Government, with its large majority, to defeat an opposition proposal for reformation of the Senate. It is hard to see, however, how the Prime Minister or anyone else can take any great pride in the achievement.

The statement by Mr. Nowlan, member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings, that "the present standing in the Senate is a challenge to the Prime Minister to redress the lack of balance" has about it an air of reasonableness that the sheer weight of numbers is powerless to dispel.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Charlottetown in this Centennial Year has been welcoming all sorts of "visiting firemen" but now has the opportunity of greeting the real thing. The Maritime Fire Chiefs Association sessions will last most of the week and it is to be hoped their program will allow adequate time for enjoyment as well as work.

An old bridge can be valuable if disposed of at the right time. The city of New York estimated that it would cost \$750,000 to demolish the old Third Avenue Elevated Railway. It so happened, however, that the market for steel scrap jumped sky high and the city was able to find a contractor willing to pay \$330,665 for the privilege of removing the structure.

Approximately seven out of every ten vehicles tested by a Saskatchewan safety Jane in 1954 failed to meet all safety requirements of the test, according to a recent report. This was in spite of the fact that 75 per cent of the vehicles were less than three years old.

The Age Old Story

If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands towards him; if iniquity be in thine hands, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.

SEA LOVE

Tide be runnin' the great world over; 'Twas only last June I mind that we was in the loss and the call for then the breast of the lover. So everlastin' as the sea.



PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE

Canada In Germany

By Ron Evans, CP Staff Writer

ZWEIBRUECKEN, Germany (CP)—A pint-size model of Canadian democracy has residents of this West German town shaking their heads with wonder.

How, they ask, does a military community come to have its own government and how does a lowly sergeant get to be mayor? The situation exists in the block of Permanent Married Quarters built for dependents of men serving with the RCAF 1st Air Division's No. 3 Fighter Wing.

PALEFACE GLOOSCAP

Brooklyn author and scholar Frederick J. Pohl is following a trail of legends which he hopes will lead to proof that a European prince and a legendary Micmac Indian chief were the same person.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP

Development of this distinctly Canadian community on German soil has been rapid. Ottawa approved the PMQ plan in January, 1954, and three months later the German contractors moved on to the site.

VISITED LOCALE

During a recent trip to Nova Scotia, Mr. Pohl followed age-old Micmac legends from Northumberland strait on the north shore along the Bay of Fundy searching for the campsite where he says Sinclair spent the winter of 1352 among the Indians.

WOULD NOT RETURN

When Glooscap left the Indian encampments he told his followers that he would not return but would send others "to teach them the true religion."

The Age Old Story

If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands towards him; if iniquity be in thine hands, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles. For then shall thou lift up thy face without spot: yea, thou shalt be steadfast, and shalt not fear: because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away.

SEA LOVE

Tide be runnin' the great world over; 'Twas only last June I mind that we was in the loss and the call for then the breast of the lover. So everlastin' as the sea. Here's the same little fishes that sputter and swim. W' the moon's old glim on the grey, wet sand; An' his no more to me nor me to him. Than the wind goin' over my hand.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The Atomic Age is bringing many changes. For one thing, more people than ever before are learning to play the harp. — Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

At the Steep Rock Hotel in Atikokan, guests do not leave a tip for the chamber maid. Resting on the bureau in the room is a neat box of dials, through which coins may be pushed. On the box is a message, signed by the maid, which reads to the effect that if the guests wish to express appreciation of service the money put into the box will go to assist the Atikokan General Hospital. — Fort William Times-Journal.

There's no justice anywhere. Londoners have complained that the bobbies are chewing gum and apparently causing their helmets to bob up and down. An order has been issued prohibiting this habit. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

It is entirely inconsistent with fundamental economic principles to measure the grant of authority by the stature and accomplishments of a person, or persons. The people must remain the sovereign power, through their elected representatives, regardless of personalities. — Regina Leader-Post.

It is useless to nag at the young to be unorthodox. They don't know how. Modern education has scared all the originality out of them, and it will take them years to regain it—if they ever do so. And the unorthodoxy of the young is not of much interest or value; it consists chiefly of attacking sacred cows which all but the stupidest of their elders have ceased to respect long ago. No; what we need is more middle-aged unorthodoxy. And the obvious leaders are those who most eloquently urge the value of unorthodoxy on the young—the university presidents. — Peterborough Examiner.

Our defence programme is cooperative in character. It is not designed as a purely Canadian enterprise for the defence of Canada's frontiers. It is part of a much bigger programme worked out jointly by some 15 nations in alliance or by the United Nations. Just the same, we have come gradually to a realization that war is no longer a distant thing, to be fought, if it must be fought in distant fields. Our prime responsibility is to protect our own frontiers. If our armed forces, under a master plan, are played abroad, then our allies must pick up and do the local job. Logic suggests that what strength we have should, in larger measure than at present, be stationed at home. — Montreal Star.

WET AREA

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