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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew" "The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink". CHARLOTTETOWN SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1953

Transportation Brief

That the Maritime Freight Rates Act was a necessary protection to these Provinces against earlier steps towards freight rate equalization is pointed out in the Maritime Transportation Commission brief before the Board of Transport Commissioners.

The reason for being of Canada's railways is to link together the various regions of the country so that they may form an economic as well as a political unit rather than being isolated from one another and linked instead to neighbouring American states.

This principle, of course, must fight an unending battle both against competing producers within Ontario and Quebec and against the natural desire to run the railways as businesses rather than instruments of national policy.

Market Problems

This country's export trade, although at a high level, shows signs of falling off. The British market and the Sterling area generally are up against the problem of finding exchange with which to purchase Canadian goods.

The recent tightening up of restrictions on the movement of farm products will reduce Canadian exports an estimated two million dollars a year.

The problem must be tackled from many angles. Every effort must be made to enable countries which need our products to afford them. We must actively seek opportunities to buy abroad, particularly in the sterling area and at the same time remember that an essential practice of a creditor nation is to continue extending credit.

Doctors' Incomes

Doctors continue to have the highest incomes in Canada, with the exception of consulting engineers and architects, according to 1950 taxation statistics released by the Department of National Revenue at Ottawa.

Lawyers headed the list for the 1947 and 1948 taxation years, but dropped to second place in 1949. Doctors have been almost regularly in second place for some years.

Quoting the above figures, The Canadian Doctor says there is no way of telling how

many, if any, medical men were included among the 1,340 persons in Canada who admitted to incomes of more than \$50,000 a year. They paid a total of \$45,000,000, or 7.8 per cent of the total tax.

Some interesting details are furnished by the Department of National Revenue statement covering doctors' incomes for 1950. This would indicate that medical men as a group rank highest in the professional classification in their aggregate contribution of income tax, and that the doctor in Newfoundland has the highest average income in Canada.

In 1950 high average was shown for Newfoundland at \$12,160, whereas Newfoundland came seventh in 1949. Lowest was Quebec province where doctors' average income was \$7,364.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Independence Day, U. S. A., 1776.

Tomorrow, 5th Sunday after Trinity, 6th after Pentecost.

Limiting the Rocky Point ferry "Fairview" to cars and trucks of one-half ton or less is presumably a wise and necessary safety precaution by the Department of Public Works and Highways.

The 11 per cent personal Income Tax reduction announced by Finance Minister Abbott in the last session became effective July 1 but the majority of Canadians will be looking for the result in today's pay.

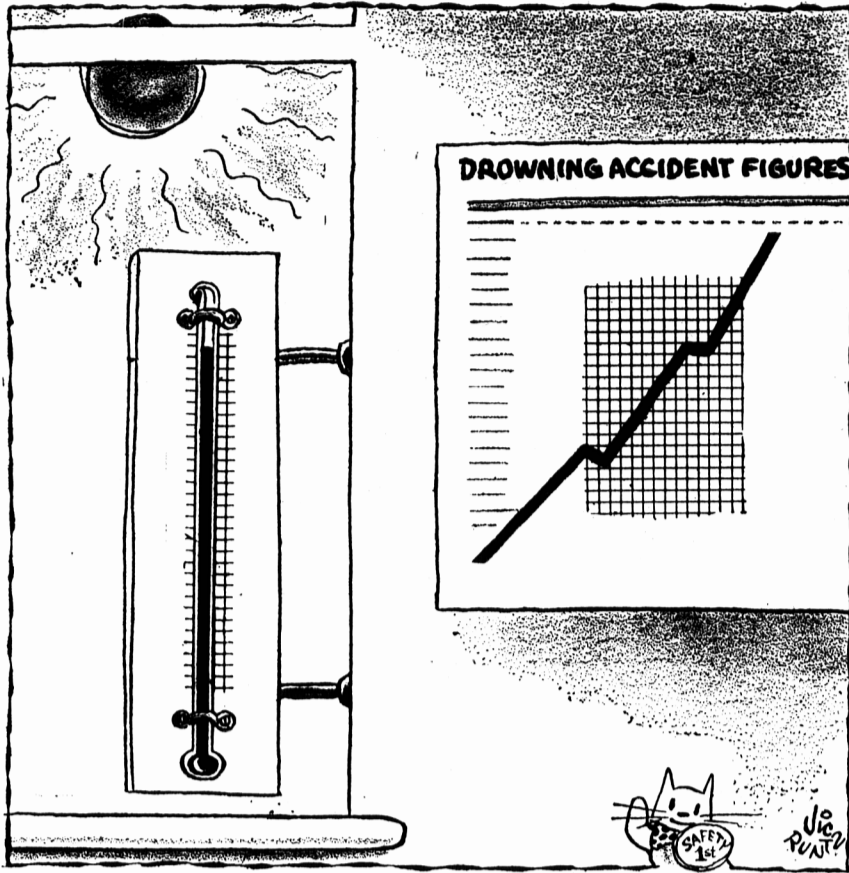
Southern Rhodesia which the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret are visiting was named for Cecil Rhodes whose centenary is tomorrow.

James Monroe, fifth president of the U. S. A., died this date 1831. He fought in Washington's army, becoming a captain, then took up law under Jefferson.

More than 6,000 copies of a brochure on Scottish heroine Flora Macdonald have been sent from Scotland to Scots in all parts of the world.

Some 59.6 per cent of Ontario's doctors are against compulsory health insurance and 40.4 per cent in favour of it, members of the Ontario Medical Association were informed at their annual meeting.

They Climb Together



Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

NEWSPAPER ITEMS From the Colonial Herald, Oct. 21, 1843: G. Coles announces that he has lately imported one of Morris's improved Carding Machines, and that it will be in full operation in the course of a few days.

The steamer Albion arrived here from Picton on Wednesday last, with the British North American Circus, which, notwithstanding the scarcity of money, and the hardness of the times, attracts "large numbers of our pleasure-loving townspeople."

The Phoenix Foundry announces that dollars will be taken at the rate of six shillings and sixpence each, in prompt payment for all purchases made, from this date until further notice.

Israel Fellows, formerly of St. John, N. B., announces that he has removed to Charlottetown and taken a large and pleasantly situated house on Water Street, near the Queen's wharf, which he has furnished in a neat style, and will conduct as the Victoria Hotel.

The election of Masters for the Central Academy (in consequence of the numerous applications) occupied the attention of the governors two days, and terminated in the appointment of the following gentlemen: Mr. John Irving Roddick, one of the masters of the High School of the Mechanics Institute, to be Head Master; Mr. Frederick Gore, of Toronto, to be Second Master. It is intended to open the school, under the new arrangement, on Wednesday, Nov. 1st.

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The Age Old Story

Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God.

The Poet's Corner

I said: The heartbeat of the house is low; I did not know its only way to warn me was to die. The house so much more sensitive than I. I said: The house is tired, let it rest. It will awake refreshed; I said: The pendulum will not be quiet long. The house is strong. But I was wrong. The hum of habitation was not there. The breathing had departed from the air.

—Louise Townsend Nicholl, in New York Herald-Tribune.

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Notes By The Way

The juke box was invented 65 years ago, but it didn't become popular until the world reached a state of mind that would tolerate the invention. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

The great oaks and elms of Robin Hood's Sherwood Forest, which were slowly disappearing, are now being replaced. But at a current scale of income taxes in Britain, a modern Robin Hood might have trouble finding the rich to rob— or the very poor to reward.—Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

China has gone through a revolution, perhaps the most shattering revolution in its long history. Western people do not like the form of this change, but they have to live with it unless they want the shambles of another World War. The tragedy is that the Western Powers did not ally themselves a generation or a decade ago with genuinely liberal forces in China.

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Young people should be better in athletics than those who are older—and they are. Young people should be better automobile drivers than those who are older—but they aren't. Take the Ontario accident statistics for proof. Out of every 1,000 licensed car drivers under the age of 18, 107 have been in accidents. Out of every 1,000 licensed car drivers in the age groups of between 25 and 40, only 64 have had accidents; in the 21 to 54-year group, 45; in the 55 to 64-year group, only 39; and in the group 65 years and over, only 31. The explanation is simple. In games, youths follow the rules. Behind the steering

wheel of a car, far too many of them do not.—Fort William Times-Journal.

Any one who has actually been among the Canadian Eskimos will have the keenest interest in the result of introducing some of these primitive peoples to the ballot box on August 10. By those having such experience, this move will be viewed with varying emotions ranging from approval at least of the basic idea, to violent scepticism. If, at this time, the emancipation gesture were to include all 8,600 of the Canadian Eskimo people, it would be nothing short of fantastic. For among that population the great majority have absolutely no idea as to the ways of the white man "outside."

It will take years of intelligent and intensive education to provide them with any reasonable concept of citizenship. This is not to say that the Eskimo is not a good prospect for progress, and that along ideal lines. For fundamentally he is naturally equipped with the qualities of honesty, truthfulness, courage, willingness and capacity for work. The fact that the Eskimo generally is not ready for the vote, as well as the parlous state in which he presently finds himself, is undoubtedly due to the shortsighted actions through the years and the neglect of white men who have exploited the country in which he lives precariously, and where he dies of measles, mumps, diphtheria, and tuberculosis.—Montreal Gazette.

Friendly Co-operation

(Windsor Star) In a world so full of tariff and other barriers to trade it is nice to hear of instances where people of two nations take initiative in bringing about co-operation of mutual benefit to themselves. Such an example exists down on the Maine-New Brunswick border. A pea processing plant was established in Houlton, Maine. It was found, however, there wasn't enough acreage in that area given to peas to operate the plant at maximum capacity. But, just across the border in the Woodstock, New Brunswick, district, there was land suitable for peas but the farmers there didn't have a plant. An approach was made to the New Brunswick Government, with the result some 300 acres were sown to peas in that province. The Maine plant got the peas it needed, and some New Brunswick farmers got a fine cash crop. If all international problems, trade or otherwise, could be solved as easily and speedily as this, the world would be a happier and more prosperous place.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer JULY

In the long ago, when the year began in March, this was the fifth month and was called, quite properly, Quintilis. Julius Caesar, who changed a lot of things, some for better and others for worse, felt it necessary to make alterations to the calendar, too. He had been born in the month of Quintilis; so, without bothering to consult popular opinion, as befitting one whose "word stood against the world," he changed the name to July.

Perhaps it was just as well. Somehow the appellation seems to suit this time of the year better than a mere numerical one. Latin numerals are all very well for the autumn part of the calendar when "cool, sequestered vales" are to be had for the asking, for coolness and things mathematical have affinity one with the other. But when "fantastic summer's heat" descends upon our spirits, there is need for something out of the stuff of history to mark the days and hours.

The astronomers, who like nothing better than indulging in strange signs and symbols that perplex the rest of us, say that in this month the sun is passing through that area of the Zodiac named Leo, the lion, having tired of the Crab which was its day and night companion in June.

Well, what the astronomers say must be true, and yet one wonders what possible relationship could there be with Leo the lion. Certainly there is nothing untidy or ferocious in nature's disposition these days. Even the natural youthful exuberance of Spring and early Summer has been noticeably subdued. The earth and all its associates have taken on a hushed, seemly dignity.

Growth is still evident, to be sure, but it is now a quiet phase that has set adolescence behind it preparatory to the maturity that soon will characterize every leaf and flower. While the birds are still singing their divine offices at dawn and in the evening before the sun goes down, they, too, are showing a preference for the serious melody that denotes important work to be done if young fledglings are to be properly prepared for the serious business of living.

There is still much dancing and merriment and clapping of hands in the woods and hedges, but the orchestra that accompanies the

merrymakers resembles the deep notes of the organ rather than the shrill pipes which May and June had favored. The poet's "gift of looking forward" is still contained in nature's treasure box. Its mystery, however, has been all unfolded. Almost anyone can see through it now.

In the fields the grasses, have just about completed the mission allotted them. Silently, with scarcely a murmur that life for them is short, they stand waiting with the courage that God gave them for the eager hand of the harvester. The grain, too, is rapidly approaching its destiny though not with quite the same haste. There is a sign of hope fulfilled all over the land.

The farmer, always busy enough, is now approaching the time of the year when clocks are disregarded in a business that requires haste. Harvesting is a business, of course. Economic necessity is one phase of it, but it is not, I suggest, the primary one. The one thing that can turn a job into a calling and a task into an art is the abiding and compelling sense of co-operating with a divine intent.

No man in any sphere of life can experience this sense more fervently than the harvester. His is the privilege of "seeing all things good, as when God first saw and gave them the weight of His will for law."

Putting the sickle (or whatever it is that takes the place of the sickle in this machine age) to the corn and to the newly blown hay is essentially a religious act, involving the "binding" of a finite earthy deed with an infinite unearthy purpose.

A great religious thinker of the last century remarked that farming would never come into its rightful place as a top-ranking vocation until field workers in every land got into the habit of singing an "angelus" or its equivalent in their fields at eventide. Be that as it may, the field worker, especially the harvester, is in a better position than most other men to join in Emerson's conviction: "Let me go where'er I will I hear a sky-born music still: It sounds from all things old, From all that's fair . . . Feels out a cheerful song."

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