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Blood Donors Needed

Attention is called to the importance of having as large an attendance as possible at the Red Cross blood donor clinics to be held in the Province during the first four days of this week.

As it has been noted, Prince Edward Island is at present in debt to the Maritime Depot by 400 bottles and for this reason has not been able to contribute anything towards the plasma required for the armed forces overseas during the past few months.

When over 1400 bottles of blood have been given in transfusions in the Province since the last clinics were held here in early November it would appear to be a very simple solution if each of those who have received transfusions would enlist others as donors to replace the blood used by them.

An excellent example for the people of the Province and the City of Charlottetown is being set by the Premier, Hon. A. W. Matheson, and His Worship Mayor J. D. Stewart, who will officially open the Charlottetown Clinic this afternoon by being among the first donors.

Lessening The Uncertainties

Life is an uncertain thing at best as ordinary men as well as philosophers have long observed. Men have tried many means of reducing uncertainty and providing against disaster. They have tried to provide a reserve against all sorts of contingencies and to avoid the more obvious risks. When the individual, however, has exhausted all the means in his power to guard against disaster there remain many risks which threaten the individual and family.

The Life Underwriters Association of Prince Edward Island who are holding their regional convention in Charlottetown represent a further attempt of mankind as social beings to take some of the weight of individual responsibility and shift it to many shoulders. The head of a family does his best to provide for their maintenance and upbringing but it is the exception who can provide for them in case of the breadwinner's early death. Others are never faced with the necessity.

By means of life insurance we share the risk of leaving dependents unprotected for and the shared risk is brought within the means of the average man. Probably no other advance of civilization has brought so much security to the individual and family as has insurance. Underwriters are indeed a shield against disaster. They have a noble work, the more so because human nature is not easily persuaded to accept a certain expense in lieu of what may seem the remote chance of disaster.

Provincial Elections

With a Federal general election in the offing, there is enhanced interest in the two provincial general elections scheduled for this week. Manitoba goes to the polls today, following by British Columbia tomorrow. In both campaigns a party unknown in this section of Canada—Social Credit—has been to the fore. Though unrepresented in the last Manitoba Legislature, its candidates have emerged on a wide front in that Province and have been the focal point of attack by the administration's campaigners. When Premier D. L. Campbell called the election, the Liberal Progressives had a substantial majority over the combined Progressive Conservatives and a few Independents. It may be significant that in Mr. Campbell's home riding, where he had always been accorded an acclamation since entering provincial politics, he is this time being opposed by four contestants for his seat.

It used to be said of the Maritimes that they took their politics too seriously. Yet the recent Nova Scotia general election passed off without undue heat, whereas the British Columbia campaign has been in uproarious affair from start to near-finish. 229 candidates are seeking election. Social Credit and Liberals have full slates of 48, and the CCF has 47, Progressive Conservatives 39, Christian Democrats 14, and the Labor-Progressives 26. In the last Legislature, the CCF held 18 seats, just one less than Social Credit. Liberals held six, Progressive Conservatives two, with one Independent and two vacant seats.

The Canadian Press described the con-

test last week as having "roared from a skirmish into full-scale warfare," chief figures in the fray being Mr. John Perdue, president of the B. C. Social Credit League and a candidate for Mackenzie, and Dr. Kemp, Independent candidate for Vancouver-Point Grey, who have launched libel actions against each other.

What the electors are hoping for, just as much as the politicians, is that the contest will give some party a clear working majority. They want to avoid the near-deadlock that resulted in the last election less than a year ago. The minority Social Credit government stayed in power only seven months before defeat on the floor of the Legislature. Premier Bennett is predicting an overwhelming victory. The Liberal leader, Mr. Arthur Laing, who resigned his seat in the House of Commons to lead the provincial party, also predicts victory, as of course does the CCF chieftain, Mr. Arnold Webster, who has characterized Social Credit's labor policy as one of "scrutinizing, supervising and snoopering." The Conservative leader, Mr. Deane Finlayson, is more modest in his claims; but he thinks his party has "as good a chance as any other party in this election." Under British Columbia's complicated electoral system, this may be true. First predictions were strongly in favour of the Social Crediters, but the wind reportedly has veered, with the possibility of another stalemate looming in the offing.

Interesting Series

Concluded in today's issue is the interesting series of articles by Mr. J. A. Gillies, entitled "Co-operative Journeys." The writer has drawn from his own experience and from his contact with earlier leaders in the co-operative field to draw an informative picture of the movement, and to place on record many details which were not generally known or understood. All may not agree with Mr. Gillies' conclusions, but there will be very general agreement as to the value of his articles, both from the standpoint of readability and as a permanent record of a most important phase in our Island agricultural history.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Summerside had a narrow escape from a serious fire when some 7,000 gallons of gasoline spilled Friday morning. It speaks well for the prudent measures that were taken and the common sense of citizens that the fumes were not ignited.

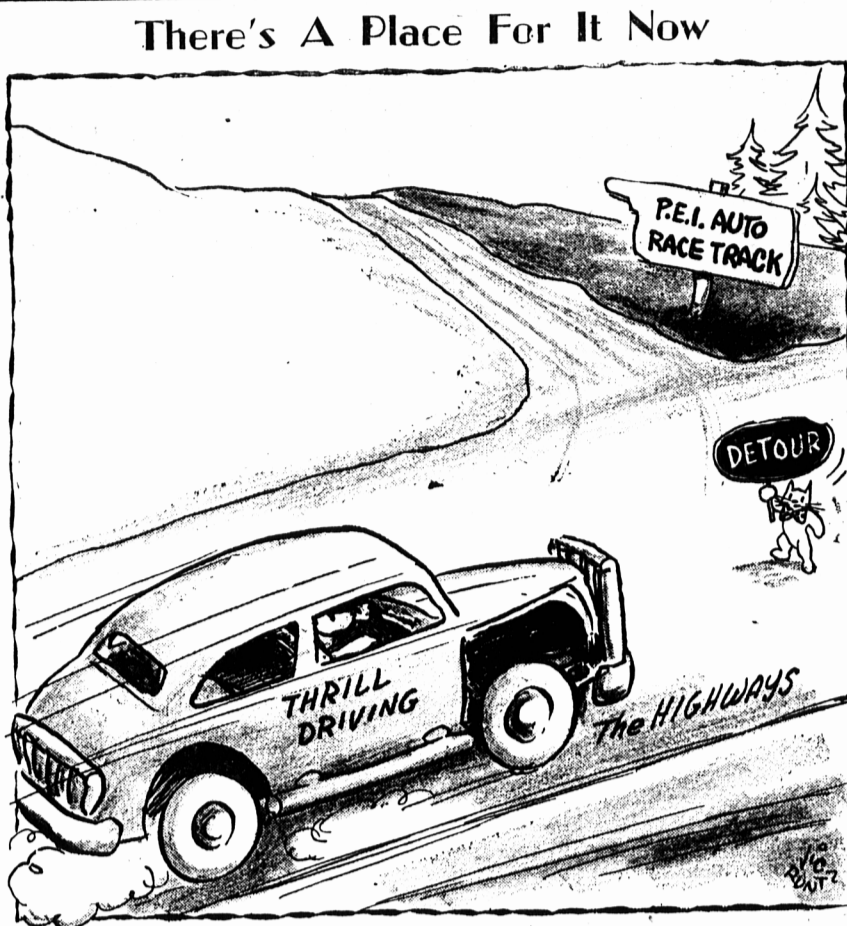
Ice conditions along the coast of Labrador are much better this year than for many seasons, according to the master of the Grenfell mission ship "Nellie A. Cluett". Shipping, of course, is the principal beneficiary of improved ice conditions but the fact that ice-fields to the south will be smaller and last a shorter time should have a widespread effect on water temperatures and weather.

The remarkable showing by Island bred Yorkshire type hogs, again far outdistancing all other Provinces in Advanced Registry for April, is good cause for satisfaction but certainly not for considering it unnecessary to retain such a high standard. This Province is getting well established as the source of supply of high quality stock for breeders both in this country and the United States.

Traditional methods of packing and shipping potatoes have undergone less change than has been the case with most products but the industry is awake to the need for using the best possible methods. The trend towards using the 10 and 50 pound paper containers brings new problems which were discussed at a recent meeting in Saint John. The problem is to reconcile the need for safe and economical handling with maximum consumer appeal.

A Newfoundland newspaperwoman believes that the rest of Canada will benefit "as much or even more" from the close association with that Province as does Newfoundland itself. Old Canadians have been prone to emphasize the benefits which are being enjoyed by the new Province from Confederation but anyone who gives thought to the matter will agree that the benefits are certainly not one sided.

Sir John Everett Millais, English painter, was born this date 1829. He studied art at Sass's school in London, winning many prizes there and at the Academy schools. With Holman Hunt, he joined the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, painting a large number of imaginative but naturalistic pictures. He also did some eighty-seven drawings for Trollop, establishing a high reputation as an illustrator. His later work is remarkable, especially for its brilliant colouring and dramatic force.



Notes By The Way

Some faces must be red these days in the British Broadcasting Company's musical department—and not just because of the brass banding climate. Some time ago, the BBC organized a competition in musical compositions by children. One girl unfortunately cheated, and submitted a piece by Mozart as her own. Apparently the judge's knowledge of the classics and he failed to recognize the hoax. But what was still more embarrassing, he awarded the Mozart composition second prize. The music world will be eagerly awaiting the name of the child who won the first prize, and put poor Mozart in his place!—Edmonton Journal.

It may be possible for the generation now entering its twenties to accept trans-Atlantic flights as mere every-day occurrences and nothing to get excited about. But there are millions of men and women and their children who meanly decrepit—who retain vivid memories of Aleck and Brown, and who still think of Charles Lindbergh as a young man. To these veterans of a more leisurely era, feats such as that performed by Wing Commander H. A. Morrison still seem to verge upon the fantastic. By "throting back" his 50-ton jet transport plane he was able to hold its speed down to 400 miles an hour. At this presumably cautious speed he and his young colleagues completed a "quite uneventful" flight from London to Ottawa in 10 1/2 flying hours. But however "un-entitled" the trip may have seemed, it was nevertheless an event, a historical event; no transport plane in history had ever made a faster crossing. The new plane is a jet Comet and it carried a message from Sir Geoffrey de Havilland, whose company built it, congratulating Canada for maintaining her position in the vanguard of aviation.—Winnipeg Free Press.

The onset of Summer brings a form of mobile warfare that is annoying and sometimes dangerous to mankind. The ubiquitous house fly has already made its appearance and to the irritation of householders who have labored to put up a screen door and windows, the old fly can now be seen making its first reconnaissance. Whether it is this year's model, or is one of those that has the answer to the old question of where the flies go in the winter, it is up to a problem that troubles us when we pursue it with swat and spray.—Hamilton Spectator.

The day of private atomic power may be very near at hand. The Atomic Energy Commission has asked Congress to relax the government monopoly on this type of power and, coincidentally, the big North American Aviation Company announces it has designed an atomic energy generator and is ready to build a pilot plant for \$10,000,000. This pilot plant would develop enough electric power to supply 2000 homes and would furnish the know-how engineering for building larger plants. It is believed that this new type of power would bring about a revolutionary reduction in electric power costs.—Boston Post.

The old prohibition against night work for women in factories has been ended by a bill just signed by Governor Dewey. Formerly women were allowed to work only until 10 p.m., a restriction which kept numbers of women from factory employment. There is a long tradition of protecting women which has supported this ban on night work. But modern industry, the increasingly shorter work week, the large proportion of women workers in the labor force, have brought about a change in approach to the question of the kind of laws which we should have in order properly to safeguard the health of the women workers.—New York Herald Tribune.

An ad in a provincial paper caught our eye recently: it sought shipping firms interested in transporting wallboards, lath and plaster from Humbermouth, Newfoundland, to Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton. That would be output—or part output—we presume of one of "Joey" Smallwood's new plants; the kind of plant we've always been told couldn't be started up in Nova Scotia, where we ship out millions of tons of raw gypsum to be processed elsewhere. Newfoundland has taken the sensible attitude that raw natural resources should be processed at home for the benefit of Newfoundlanders.—New Glasgow News.

The cities of Guelph, Kitchener and Galt are somewhat annoyed because an Ottawa paper suggests that in 25 years they may be united under some such name as Kitchener-Guelph. Sympathetic with them, something more euphonious could certainly be devised—like Galcheneph.—Peterborough Examiner.

The Age Old Story

Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee... The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

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.

LETTER ENJOYED

Sir,—This is my first offense at this sort of thing so I hope the silliness of my technique will be overlooked. I just want to say that I am happy to note that McAndrew Navin has gone constructive. His first letters gave me the impression that he was a confirmed groucher. He found fault with everybody and everything he ran down. Mr. Pendergast, side-swiped Mr. Green, deprecated long letters and taboos big words. But lo and behold! some ten days ago he penned a letter which, apart from a few harsh words levelled at Mr. Karsh (that can be excused today and tomorrow, and I felt this would be an opportune time to express my sincere gratitude for this wonderful service.

WONDERFUL SERVICE

Sir,—I notice by your paper that Red Cross Donor Clinics are to be held in Charlottetown tomorrow, and I felt this would be an opportune time to express my sincere gratitude for this wonderful service.

TREES

Sir,—I once saw a number of Hindoo men and women worship a tree. One of the women was expecting a baby and in order to ensure its safe arrival the party threw a ribbon around the trunk of the big peep tree in our grounds, threw a cup of holy water on the trunk, then bowed and said their prayers. That great tree was a worthy object of worship. I suppose a tree is one of the most potent evidences of the wisdom and power of Almighty God. Trees began as grass, but ultimately grew into trees of which the sequoia is king, a tree that rises 340 feet high with a girth of 35 feet and is the oldest living thing upon earth. What a tree! And there are many of them in the U. S. on the Pacific coast. Last summer a friend of ours from the Pacific coast told us of a tree 11 feet in diameter, upon a stump of which the Y. P. U. held their meetings and after the meeting a dance on the stump.

LOST AT SEA

LONDON. (CP)—An official inquiry endorsed a verdict of "presumed drowned" in the case of Stanley Fenney, 31-year-old Briton who was returning to England from Halifax, Fenney vanished from the liner Nova Scotia in mid-Atlantic.

IT IS REMARKABLE THAT THE SMALL END IS AT LEAST SIX INCHES OVER AT WOOD ISLANDS FERRY.

I saw Douglas fir sticks eighteen inches square and forty feet long. These must have been magnificent trees and they were Canadian. We have reason to be proud of our country if only for the great trees she grows—God's creation. I am, Sir, etc. W. I. GREEN Stanley Bridge.

The Poet's Corner

FROM "EAST COKER"

Home is where one starts from. As we grow older The world becomes stranger, the pattern more complicated Of dead and living. Not the intense moment Isolated, with no before and after. But a lifetime burning in every moment And not the lifetime of one man only But of old stones that cannot be deciphered. There is a time for the evening under starlight. A time for the evening under lamp-light (The evening with the photograph album). Love is most nearly itself When here and now cease to matter. Old men ought to be explorers: Here and there does not matter. We must be still and still moving Into another intensity For a further union, a deeper communion Through the dark cold and the empty desolation. The wave cry, the wind cry, the vast waters Of the petrel and the porpoise. In the end is my beginning. —T. S. Eliot.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

THE LAW'S DELAY

From a letter signed "A Sultor, Wood Islands," appearing in the Colonial Herald, Jan. 21, 1843: "This is the third Term of the Supreme Court that I have attended from a distant part of the Island, with several witnesses, for the purpose of seeking to recover from a jury of my country a just debt, which one of my neighbours refuses to pay me; and I must now again go home, having sustained a loss both of time and money, without having my cause tried. "And I don't wonder the Court has no time for the Court is opened about 11 o'clock, and in general closes about six o'clock, and the whole time is taken up in the trial of petty criminal offences—such as one man stealing a pound of mals, another stealing a box of wood, and many other larcenies of like valuable articles; then follows a trial for an assault, wherein some poor devil gets a black eye, the investigation of which trifling matter takes up the whole day; through the tedious examination of witnesses—the most of which examinations have nothing to do with the affair; and also through the lengthened argument of the lawyers upon points of evidence that arose at the trial, and which generally are reserved for future discussion—and which, of course, takes up the greater part of another day; and then, perhaps, the verdict of the jury is set aside, as being contrary to law, and the prisoner is discharged, after the enormous expense in his trial, and the valuable time of the Court taken up for two or three days. "I saw by the papers that there were eighty civil cases on the list, two or three of which have been tried in this Term; the rest must lie over until the next Term; and unless some remedy be in the meantime, enacted by our Legislature, the suitors will be in the same position at the end of that term, as they are now."

CHARLOTTETOWN BOARD OF TRADE Annual Dinner Meeting CHARLOTTETOWN HOTEL, TUESDAY, JUNE 9th, 1953. Guest Speaker: MR. L. W. SIMMS, President, Canadian Chamber of Commerce. Reception Hotel Lounge 6 P.M. Dinner Main Dining Room 7 P.M. Price \$2.50. All Businessmen welcome. Tickets available by calling 1874.

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