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Timely Assurance

The leader of the Opposition, Mr. R. R. Bell, made it clear in the Legislature yesterday where he and his supporters stand on the proposed Northumberland Strait causeway project.

Mr. Bell also recalled, quite properly, that he had spoken on the causeway prospects in the House in 1944, and that the cost estimate he had given then, of \$50,000,000, coincides with the estimate recently quoted.

Sun Energy For Farms

"Solar energy is primarily for the countryside and not for the cities," said Professor Farrington Daniels, of the University of Wisconsin, at the World Symposium on Applied Solar Energy, held recently at Phoenix, Arizona.

In contrast with atomic energy, which must be generated in multi-million dollar power stations, solar energy needs only small and relatively cheap equipment, has no health hazards and no waste products to dispose of.

The conference at Phoenix was playfully called the conference on "Sunshine for Man's Use" in contrast to the "Atoms for Peace" Conference at Geneva last August.

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The amount of energy that is available without cost from the rays of the sun is enormous. Take, for instance, the case of the United States, which uses more energy than any other country.

fuel energy now consumed. In the tropical and arid countries, where sunshine is more intense and where fuels are more expensive, energy from the sun is many thousand times as great as the fuel energy now used.

The symposium at Phoenix was noteworthy not because it solved the problem of using sunshine by any spectacular device, but because it drew attention to the large number of experiments underway in many countries and which show definite progress toward the conquest of this additional source of energy for human work and comfort.

Setback For Dr. Adenauer

Almost as if they were taking their cue from Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Communist Party head, who said in Moscow the other day that Communists in Western European countries should join hands with other opposition groups in an effort to break pro-Western governments, Left Wing Socialists (who, for all practical purposes, may be described as Communists) in the West German State of North Rhine-Westphalia a day or two ago teamed up with the so-called Free Democrats.

This could well mean the beginning of the end for Dr. Adenauer's Christian Democrats and, consequently, for the adherence of the West German Republic to the North Atlantic alliance. That Dr. Adenauer himself is extremely uneasy about the new turn of events in the richest state of the Republic is shown in the statement he authorized immediately following the upset in Rhine-Westphalia.

State Governments in Germany appoint members of the Federal Bundesrat (Upper House); hence it can be seen that they have great influence in national affairs. To make matters worse in this instance, from Dr. Adenauer's point of view, the Free Democrats are part of the national coalition which he heads. How long will they continue to support the Chancellor in view of what happened in North Rhine-Westphalia? Probably not very long.

EDITORIAL NOTES

What benefits directly a section of the Atlantic region cannot fail to further the economic interests of the whole. It is therefore good news that a new pulp mill is being planned for Southern New Brunswick, provided a survey shows that sufficient power is available.

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How have the mighty fallen! The 16-volume collected works of Stalin are excluded this year from the catalogue of Communist party books to be offered for sale at the Leipzig Trade Fair in East Germany, following his denunciation at the Soviet party congress in Moscow.

The Opposition leader, Mr. Bell, was quite in order in stressing the need for curtailing the reading of speeches in the Legislature. This is being done now in the House of Commons at the specific request of the Speaker. It has already resulted in livelier debates, and in closer conformity with proper parliamentary procedure.



FACING A STEEP STEP

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

CANAL VS CAUSEWAY

Sir,—The project that will eventually fulfill the "continuous communication" provision of the terms of Confederation has become, unfortunately the issue for debate between the M. P. for King's and the M. P. for Queen's: Resolved that it is more prudent to go under the straits than over the straits.

However, a prominent Summerside business man, who is very familiar with the Maritimes and Maritime problems, can remember fifty years ago when the tunnel vs. causeway was a live issue and debated at public meetings and meetings of the Boards of Trade.

A glance at a Maritime map will show that the entrance to the proposed canal, hopefully known as the Chignecto Canal across the narrow neck of Nova Scotia, about eleven miles. His suggestion is that the canal and the causeway be a joint effort of Nova Scotia and P.E.I.

Prince County is not making much noise but this idea from Summerside seems to be the best so far.

I am, Sir, etc.

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SNOW IN THE SOUTH

Snow is falling in the wood. Occurs now a miraculous chance On the trees' bodies bulking strange And soft where once their starkness stood.

Touched by this wand, I cannot tear My eyes away from flakes that fill The sky, the field, the stream until All is one wonder everywhere.

Though northward now the bitter days Be starved by winter, stale with this Precipitant slow paralysis, There moving no man to amaze, Here a phrase forms to fit a mood, Simple, enchaunted, fresh as flakes My south mysteriously makes: Snow is falling in the wood.

—Carleton Drewry in the New York Herald-Tribune

When Caruso Made His First Recording

(Chatham Daily News)

Back in 1902, when he was not yet thirty, Enrico Caruso was on the point of attaining world fame. It is an interesting coincidence that on the afternoon of March 18 of that year, the future great tenor, accompanied by a pianist, kept at the Hotel di Milano a rendezvous that was to be very helpful to his career.

OTTAWA REPORT

The Election Act

By Heath Macquarrie

President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the midst of his feud with the United States Supreme Court, twenty years ago, complained that the affairs of the nation were being carried out under a "horse and buggy constitution".

A careful reading of the Election Act will disclose more than a few opportunities for beneficial reform or amendment. Although the regulations governing voting rights of the ex-serviceman were greatly improved by an amendment in 1934, much might still be done to broaden the base of this particular part of the franchise.

One section of the existing act is mildly disturbing, to say the least, when it is first read. This is a reference to the counting of ballots which declares that "no ballot paper shall be rejected on account of its being marked with a mark placed thereon by the Deputy Returning Officer." It is true that the Act in a later section provides penalties for any deputy returning officer who marks a ballot with intent to make it identifiable, but this serves to add wonderment to the sweeping powers granted in the earlier section.

UNREAL DIVISION

There are other places where the structure of the act might be altered in order to increase its effectiveness, but more than a few considerations of much greater significance than mere structural change. The unreal division of our legislators into Councilors and Assemblymen is a part of our electoral process which might be disclosed without any great danger to the public welfare.

Actually, of course, the names themselves are really unimportant except in so far as they are the result of something of genuine significance. The two categories of members for the Provincial House have a valid distinction only for voting purposes, with the Councilor elected by holder of a certain required amount of real estate. The property vote, as its name implies, is an important problem in the holding of elections and often polling booths become the scene of embarrassing questions about family arrangements about property and the like.

gramophone recording.

Caruso attacked the task with his customary zest. His tremendous voice filling the room, he ran off ten arias, one after another, as rapidly as the wax blanks could be put in the recording machine. The blanks were run up and handed over for the necessary processing. The first satisfactory records, they proved, both artistically and commercially, a resounding success.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

BE SUITABLY DRESSED FOR WINTER SPORTS

Winter sports are fun and healthful. But you've got to keep bundled up if you want to remain comfortable and avoid chills and numbing frostbite. Dress sensibly and you will get more enjoyment out of skating, skiing and tobogganing. You do not become cold because of the change in your body's temperature, but because of a change in the temperature of your skin.

When your skin becomes cold, involuntary messages are sent to your brain. There, a device acting like a thermostat, automatically helps your body maintain its own normal temperature. If you are in good health, this temperature may vary from 97 to 99 degrees Fahrenheit. This built-in thermostat, however, needs the help of warm clothing to do a good job in the winter.

Another good reason for wearing several light garments is that according to the temperature or amount of exertion called for in your activities.

Over these woollens, you can wear a light windproof coat or help to keep your body heat from escaping.

Your hands and feet are the best targets for frostbite. Ear-muffs are essential for sub-freezing weather. Woolen mitts offer the best protection for your hands in extremely cold weather. Water-repellent mittens worn over woolen mitts will keep your hands not only nice and warm but dry as well.

LIGHT WOOL

For your feet, I advise two pair of socks. The first should be light wool. Over them put on a pair of heavier wool socks.

And finally, a pair of comfortable boots. Avoid tight boots. They tend to increase the chance of frostbite. In fact, all winter clothing should be fairly loose.

Tight clothes restrict blood circulation and cold temperatures are apt to slow down circulation anyway.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

J. B.: What are the symptoms of a mentally retarded child?

Notes By The Way

Some day thought will have to be given to the "doctor" designation as applied to proper names. A stranger in a hotel room can end up in a pretty fix if he seeks relief for a stomach ache and winds up with a "veterinary surgeon" or a minister.—Sudbury Star.

The judge looked up from the bench to see a familiar face before the bar. "I've had you up here for speeding, drunken driving, reckless driving, parking alongside fire hydrants, driving a car with no inspection, lane sticker, and the last time you were here I ordered your driver's licence suspended! What's the charge this time?" The defendant looked sheepish, then replied: "Jaywalking, your honor".—Cincinnati Inquirer.

About all that is known of the 11-year sunspot cycle is that it is moving toward another peak of activity, scheduled to be reached in the winter of 1957-58, and that as a result some strange goings-on may be expected on this planet. Among these may be faint "ghost" pictures picked up by television sets from all over the world. But chief victims of the sunspot gremlins will be police and fire departments and other users of mobile radio equipment whose messages may take freakish forms.—Washington Post.

Boring for under-sea coal off the British coast promises to be a success. A single borehole has been driven about one and one-quarter miles at sea off Kirkcaldy, Fife, by means of a tower floated down the Firth of Forth. Next step will be to tow the tower a mile farther out. The National Coal Board declares that it is possible to drill for coal at sea in much the same way as on land—except that drills must be employed in guide tubes. Five workable seams of limestone coal with a combined thickness of sixteen feet have been located. A series of borings will be driven five miles off the coast of Durham.—New York Times.

Answer: Mental retardation in the child usually can be discovered only through examination by the physician. The symptoms will depend upon the type of mental disturbance present and its severity.

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Notes By The Way

The art of compromise is taught splendidly in the American home, where the child who should be tucked at 8, but who wants to stay up until 10, finally gets there at 9:58.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Man may criticize woman, but we know at least three things in her favor: (1) She never wastes \$2 worth of shotgun shells in trying to shoot a twenty-five-cent rabbit; (2) You never heard of her giving a waiter a four-bit tip because he smiled at her; (3) No one ever heard of a woman who would pay \$25 to hire a boat to get where the fish are not.—San Francisco Argonaut.

It isn't a pleasant subject, but an English court has rendered a judgment on the crime of attempted suicide which illustrates the difficulty of laying down hard and fast rules in cases of this kind. Is attempted suicide a serious crime or not? One English judge says it is; another says it is not. One judge has reduced to one month a sentence of two years' imprisonment imposed on the trial judge. The appeal court held that it wasn't a very serious crime.—Galt Reporter.

The strait-faced Sabbath of 50 years ago is gone, and hardly anyone would now want to give up the modern freedom of people to entertain themselves on Sunday, to relax each in his own way. But that freedom is a far cry from a commercial Sunday. It probably in no way weakens the feeling among those who are still attached to the idea that a community is a better place to live in if Sunday is a quiet day, if people do what they wish to do, but do it as much as possible for themselves, in family or friendly groups, keeping to a minimum the numbers who work for wages or profit on Sunday.—Winnipeg Free Press.

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