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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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Safekeeping Records

The fire in the Library of Parliament Building fortunately did not burn any of the library proper, being confined to a location under the dome some 140 feet above ground level.

Until very recently there has been little attempt to preserve our historic records and even yet this Province has no building designated for that purpose although part of the Prince of Wales College building is being so used.

The fire illustrates one of the great advantages of microfilming important records. There are many documents having an important bearing on our history which previously could not be duplicated by any practical method.

With an adequate Provincial archives building it would be possible to collect and preserve a great deal of the rapidly vanishing material on Island history and at the same time make available locally copies of records from these other sources.

Mild Inflation

Economists in this country are predicting a mild wave of inflation, bringing a gradual swell in the price structure. This is an attractive picture, so attractive indeed that we must be on guard against wishful thinking.

Everyone complains about inflation, of course, but it is with certain mental reservations. Although it is painful to see the cost-of-living ever on the upgrade at the same time the average man would far sooner see it to than be in a period of falling prices if to go with them we had to have lowered production and smaller payrolls.

Whatever may be the case elsewhere, in Canada we have long been highly subject to the effect of even slight changes in our export market. With increasing population and a more diversified economy that sensitiveness may be lessened but as things stand today, exports remain the prime governor of our economy.

We cannot afford to miss any opportunity of keeping trade at a high level, whether by attention to our own production methods, trade agreements or by bolstering the currencies of those who wish to buy from us.

Latest On Polio

The highly encouraging verdict that progress towards the discovery of a polio preventive, that is to say a type of injection that will offer permanent immunity, has been greater in the past 12 to 18 months than at any other time has been offered by Dr. Hart E. Van Riper, medical director of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

While emphasizing that no such preventive is available yet, Dr. Van Riper in an interview published in the magazine, U. S. News and World Report, cites a number of important developments. It used to be thought that the virus (actually there are three types producing identical symptoms) went immediately from the intestines to the brain and spinal cord by way of the nerve conditions.

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Unfortunately the inoculations, if successful, will provide an immunity for a period of only four to six weeks. Since gamma globulin is difficult to obtain, it is not considered to offer a practical prevent-

ive for polio. The hope is however that the experiments will indicate whether medical men are now on the right track.

Dr. Van Riper gives short shrift to certain current notions about polio. One theory blames it on unwashed fruits and vegetables but repeated tests have failed to locate the virus on such foods purchased on open stands. Another idea, which he dismisses as "probably... an old wives' tale" is that high-strung nervous people are more susceptible than others.

It is probable that great numbers of people have been exposed to polio without developing any clinical signs of infection and that immunity is therefore very widespread. Dr. Van Riper suggests that the best precautionary measures are "just the common-sense rules that most of us should apply in the summer."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Transfiguration.

From early reports last night it appears that the Social Credit Party have again won by an easy walk in Alberta. As Premier Duplessis said in Quebec, "You can't beat prosperity"; and Alberta has been riding the crest of the wave of late, due largely to causes but remotely connected with governmental policies.

The demand for blood donors, and the ready response of volunteers is as great in the Old Country as it is here. In England and Wales 17,269 new donors joined the National Blood Transfusion Service in the March quarter bringing the total to 470,574, greater than it has been at any time since the war.

A limited company has been said to have neither a soul to be lost, nor a body to be kicked but one, at least, is claiming to be capable of supporting Her Majesty's right arm at the coronation ceremony and presenting a right glove.

One of the more serious results of the now settled steel strike is that the United States Army has been obliged to curtail the use of ammunition by any but units in action or destined for combat assignment in Korea.

Field Marshal Sir William Slim was born this date 1891. He became a school teacher but joined the Army at the outbreak of the First World War, serving in Gallipoli and Mesopotamia. After the war he joined the Indian Army. In 1942 he commanded the First Burma Corps, the 15th Indian Corps and then the 14th Army whose operations in 1944 marked the turning point of the Burma campaign.

Potato prices are going to result in a lot more money for farmers this year than they expected, according to the Toronto Globe and Mail. A report indicates that prices did not slump as usual by August 1 and seem unlikely to do so.

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Project For Our Tourist Bureau



Old Charlottetown

NAVAL VISITATION "A novel and pleasing sight was witnessed by our citizens on Tuesday forenoon. Between 8 and 9 o'clock, a. m. from eight to nine hundred of as fine a set of fellows as the British Navy can produce were landed on the Queen's Wharf, from H. M. S. Nile.

Down by Wheatley a farmer found muskrats have a taste for corn and had stripped a plot, 30 feet square, out of his field. This is not peculiar to muskrats. Raccoons also like corn and, especially as the ears ripen in the head, often are found in a corn field.

The Celtic Tongue

To revive the Cornish language, which died a natural death in the 18th century, seems one of the least fruitful objects of human endeavor. But it has its devotees, and steady if not widespread progress was reported to the Celtic Congress, meeting this year in the Isle of Man.

The Age-Old Story

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Notes By The Way

Pleasant to see a secretary of the Federal Council Churches of Christ, a Protestant organization, presenting in the United States a collection of tributes to Masgr. M. M. Condy, a Canadian leader in education and the co-operative movement.—Ottawa Journal.

From Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan, comes news of a strange find—a rock bearing the clear imprint of a human foot. Many great men have left footprints on the sands of time. But this caveman, or whatever he was, did even better. He left his footprint on imperishable stone.

It costs more to outfit a soldier than it did a few years ago. But inflation alone is hardly a satisfactory explanation of a report that in 1951 a seaman's kit (clothing and personal necessities) cost \$329 whereas it cost but \$155 in 1945.

Sarnian Rotarians held a "loud shirt" contest the other day, at which members wore the loudest shirts available. Some of them were startling to the eye. Are men losing the complex which for generations has condemned them to drab colors and conservative styles?

The Poet's Corner

LOVE SONG As the ant brought to Solomon the King The high of a grasshopper as an offering, So do I bring to thee, beloved, my soul. I have placed my head and my heart On the sill of the door of thy love. Step gently, child!

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Britain And Farouk's Abdication

By W. N. Ewer

The attitude of the British Government towards the dramatic changes in Egypt is perfectly clear and perfectly simple. The internal affairs of the country are no business of ours. And the abdication of a King, like a change of Government, is purely an internal affair.

On the other hand there is always in such situations the possibility of a breakdown of order and authority. And the tragic events of last January are a warning of what can happen in Egypt if authority fails to maintain order.

Of the possible influence of the abdication of King Farouk, and of other changes which may follow, on question at issue between Britain and Egypt, it is far too early to speak.

This has been explained with friendly frankness to the new Premier both by Mr. Cresswell and, on his return, by Sir Ralph Stevenson. It is in no way a threat, but rather an assurance to people who, because of certain historical incidents which now belong to a closed chapter of Anglo-Egyptian history, might have interpreted the precautionary naval and military movements as an indication of coming political pressure.

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