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

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A Reasonable Demand

Whether or not Opposition speakers are making too much of the irregularities which the Federal Government brought into use during the time of the controversial pipe-line debate is, of course, a matter of opinion.

An election might or might not change the numerical standing of the various parties in the Commons. But that, in any case, is not the important thing.

Should Be Revised

It is to be hoped that there will be general approval of the request made in the House of Commons by Mr. George Nowlan for a revision of the federal subsidies on Maritime time freight rail shipments.

This trend was evident even in July, 1949, when the Royal Commission on Transportation sat in this Province and heard strong complaints on the subject from the Provincial Government.

The Maritime Freight Rates Act was passed in 1927 as a result of the report of the Duncan Commission on Maritime Claims.

is now practically wiped out. Other Provinces would not stand for this treatment, and we do not think they would object to the Freight Rates Assistance Act being revised and brought up to date.

Another Problem

Who would have thought no longer than ten years ago that the time would come when the United States Government would anxiously await the results of an election in tiny, powerless Iceland?

Nor is this the most serious aspect of the situation. It is common knowledge that some European countries, including West Germany, are not too happy over the prospect of having American forces.

All this adds up to a very difficult situation, indeed, for Western security which depends largely on the network of bases from the Arctic regions to the South Atlantic and beyond.

Commonwealth Affairs

While there is no fixed agenda for the British Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference which opens in London today, it is expected that the admission of new members and the planing of a common front towards Russia's "competitive co-existence" challenge to the West will be topics of chief concern.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Egypt is now a Republic. A strange sort of one, though, considering that only one political party will be permitted to operate.

Canadians are apt to look down on the American practice of electing senators. That doesn't mean, however, that there is nothing to be said in its favour.

There is more than one way for a family to hold on to a comfortable and well paid position. In West Virginia a sheriff has had to retire because state law forbids law officials to run for a second term.



AMONG THE WELL-WISHERS

Bridge At Gibraltar

The Spanish Government is considering a road and railway bridge to link Europe and Africa at the Strait of Gibraltar, where faded Hercules tore apart a prehistoric mountain range and created the famous "pillars" that bear his name.

PHOENICIANS PIONEERED

The bridge is of suspension design, with cement piers footed deep in the strait floor, and roadways slung high enough to permit passage of the largest ocean liners.

The Poet's Corner

BOOK OF SUMMER

Open the summer's book: read words as cool As pale, green willows curved above a pool.

TWO-CONTINENT ROAD LINK

Today, proponents of the Spanish bridge point out that the two-continent span could bring together a network of transport lines to stretch eventually from the Baltic Sea to the tip of South Africa.

Whether the mountains cracked in sudden upheaval or slowly disintegrated one knows; but the floor of the strait is relatively shallow for an oceanic channel.

The most recent of such proposals was for a novel circular or oblong tunnel that would carry an endless succession of four "capsule trains" between Tarifa and the international zone of Tangier.

Last night the Light Horse overseas Squadron held a reunion at the Charlottetown Hotel.

Books and Bookmen

No one is a bookman if he is in any degree afraid of books, whether that fear is outspoken, in the form of resentment, or secret, in the form of boredom.

He does not read to embellish his conversation, to be able to impress his friends or depress his enemies. He does not regard books as a sad imposition that the reading habits of others have forced upon him.

He does not look upon books in terms of eyestrain, weariness, wandering of the attention, as things that cost too much and have to be dusted for the rest of one's life and which are a sad burden when one moves.

For the bookman, the reading of books is not a hectic thing, to be done with little inclination and as a chore, or in competition, in the pathetic hope of keeping up with others.

All this is pictured, with an inner understanding, in an essay by the historian, Sir George MacCaulay Trevelyan. It is his essay "On Walking," where he urges the taking of a book for the journey.

"After a day's walk," he says, "everything has twice its usual value. And as with food, so with books: Never start on a walking tour without a book which you love. It is criminal folly to waste your too few hours of perfect receptiveness."

SENTENCED IN ABORTION NEW YORK (AP)—Thomas G. Daniel, 28, was sentenced Tuesday to 3 1/2 to 20 years in state prison for the abortion death of Jacqueline Smith, 20.

U.S. JET MISSING

CHITOSE, Japan (AP)—A United States Air Force jet fighter is missing off northern Japan, in the same area where Russian MIGs shot down an American B-29 19 months ago.

DEEPER SPRINGS What the bookman finds in books are the deeper springs of human feeling, and the taste of these waters are always kind and cool to his lips.

How well Sir George M. Trevelyan puts it: the long day's walk over the meal as the daylight fades out of doors, the rest of the spirit, the drawing forth from the pocket of the book selected for the journey, the turning to the familiar page, the re-readings of the known words, the rise of new meanings, the mood that is joyous because it is quite one's own.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M.D.

TAK THESE PRECAUTIONS WHILE YOU GO SWIMMING

If you don't know how to swim, I suggest that you learn as quickly as possible. For swimming is not only a relaxing sport, it is a good body builder as well.

It provides mental relaxation, muscular activity and encourages body coordination. Buoyancy of the water, you see, gives your body a sensation of having greater muscular strength than you actually have.

Therapeutic Value This is one reason why swimming and exercise in supervised pools is usually recommended for its therapeutic value in rehabilitating persons suffering such conditions as polio and arthritis.

KEEP WATER WET Even though you may be in the best of health, keep as much water as possible out of your nose and throat.

Practice in learning how to breathe in through your mouth and out through your nose is much more important than learning some fancy stroke.

Don't blow your nose violently to remove the water. Blow it gently, making sure that both nostrils are never pressed tightly.

SAFE WATER Try to swim in clean, safe water. Water in which you bathe should be just as free from germs as water you drink.

Always shower or bathe thoroughly upon leaving the water. Then dry yourself briskly with a towel. Rub good and hard. This will help remove any parasites which may cause swimmer's itch.

QUESTION AND ANSWER R.W.: Is a sun lamp of value in treating sinus disease?

Answer: There is no evidence that a sun lamp, or ultra-violet light, as it is known medically, will help.

The Age Old Story

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 27, 1931)

Among the officers elected at the annual meeting of the Maritimers' Club of Montreal, held last night, were R. McLeod, Dr. J.A. Nicholson and S. Lea for Prince Edward Island. J.L. McSweeney will represent the Island on the Executive.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 27, 1946)

The temperature climbed to an official 86 in Charlottetown yesterday for the warmest day this year but three degrees below the record for June, set in 1930. Maritimers generally sweltered in a heat wave which set a new high in nearly all districts.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Occasionally one sees across a concrete mind—permanently set and all mixed up.—Brandon Sun

A trade magazine reports a new toaster invented which monograms the bread slices. Surely not His and Hers?—Toronto Star

There is an engaging little story going around about two caterpillars who were munching on a blade of grass. As they ate, a butterfly came fluttering along. One caterpillar looked up, nudged the other and said: "You'll never get me up in one of those things!"—Fort William Times-Journal

Who invented the cuffs on trousers? And why hasn't some modern clothing stylist had the thoughtfulness to make cuffs popular at least in the Summer time? Housewives would be particularly thankful for such a ban. Mere males, too, would welcome the move as an escape from one of the major points at issue between wife and unthinking husband these days.—Owen Sound Sun-Times

Every boy and girl is anxious to grow up. As a result they revel in imitating adults. With the example which are so common today it is little wonder that boys and girls of still tender years are posing a severe delinquency problem as they try to ape the adults of their day. It is little wonder that many a youth has as his ideal of mature manhood the right to spend an afternoon and evening in a pub!—Owen Sound Sun-Times

Alberta's school curriculum, already sadly overloaded with non-essentials, is about to face a new assault. The Alberta Co-operative Union is seeking to have high schools give increased attention to the part co-operatives are playing in the world today. The suggestion is dangerous. If accepted, it could only end in the schools becoming places of indoctrination rather than education.—Edmonton Journal

It is a wonder that a white line hasn't been painted alongside the edge of the highway long ago. The effectiveness of white fence posts, painted with a fluorescent glow for the period after dark, has saved many a motorist from plunging into oblivion rounding a curve. With eyes glued to the edge of the highway, it would seem only logical that it be marked for night driving.—Brookville Recorder

It's easy to understand how Australians, being located in the part of the world where they are, must be upside down most of the time. But why does this make champion mile runners and tennis players out of them?—Hamilton Spectator

Sir Winston Churchill has expressed firm confidence that the United States really has a policy in the middle east. This is more confidence than some Americans and many Britons hold on the subject.—Christian Science Monitor

For the current fiscal year, the cost of defence is \$1,775,000,000 in Canada, almost exactly the total amount collected from personal income taxes. With that in mind, it seems crazy to suggest that it is our own or any government's fault for the war. Imagine what we might save if it were possible to halt payment of defence costs.—Oshawa Times Gazette

It's difficult to imagine one's appetite being sharpened by a table of cocktail hour tid-bits featuring snails and grass-hoppers, but the fact remains that in the past few years a trend in Canada has popularized these and other gastronomic oddities. Specialty importing firms have worked up a thriving business in such items as dry salted grasshoppers, which come in tins, rattlesnake meat, alligator soup, quail eggs, brown agave worms, frogs legs a la Neberg in sherry, green turtle meat, French snails and sliced eel.—Ottawa Citizen

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