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Ma's Decision

The decision of the people of Malta to throw in their lot with Britain and to make their island home a part of the United Kingdom, as expressed in the recent referendum by a majority of three to one, is of considerable importance and significance.

The assurance that the island will remain a strong bulwark of British military might in the Mediterranean is, of course, of inestimable benefit not only to the Commonwealth but to the entire free world.

In Saskatchewan

Of interest to all concerned in promoting rural electrification in this Province is the detailed account of the results achieved in Saskatchewan, appearing in the current issue of the Canadian Geographical Journal.

The scheme has been carried out by the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, a publicly-owned utility, and it has been on a self-supporting basis. The schedule for rural power consumption was set at rates which, over a period of years, would amortize the capital cost of the program.

were a few individuals opposed, mostly for financial reasons. On one or two occasions the normal occupational hazards of stringing power lines have been heightened by the appearance of a wrathful farmer pointing a gun.

The country residents who give freely of their time, to urge and promote power projects in their area, says the article, are the unsung heroes of rural electrification.

A Grand Old Man

Charlottetown was a small unincorporated town and many parts of this Province were in the pioneer stage when Alexander Cameron was born on Christmas Day, 1851, at Long River.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Congratulations to Douglas Weddall Cudmore, who has been chosen by the local Rotary Club to be their representative at the "Adventure in Citizenship" rally which is to take place in Ottawa in May.

Colonel F. I. Andrew is one of our outstanding livestock breeders and his election to the presidency of the Ayrshire Breeders Association of Canada is a deserved tribute to his achievements in this field.

This is the time of year when residents of incorporated villages are holding their annual meetings to elect commissioners to attend to matters of common concern.

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While only three plays are in competition for the Regional Drama Festival this week, local talent is well represented and the players have been conscientious in studying their parts.



HANDS THAT ROCK A CRADLE

OTTAWA REPORT

It Just Wouldn't Do

By Patrick Nicholson

Agriculture Minister Gardiner's proposal for immigrants - by - the bushel caused plenty of mirth and speculation in Ottawa.

Two years ago Jimmy Gardiner, always alertly seeking means of reducing our embarrassing riches of unsold wheat, was discussing international trade with Sir Winston Churchill.

So it was that last week the Minister-unilaterally-made his specific proposal: that Canada should give Britain 1,000 bushels of wheat for each British emigrant to settle in Canada.

SLAVE MARKET PRICES I don't know what the price of an adult slave is on the black markets today. But it seems that Mr. Gardiner grossly undervalues a British man or woman at this price.

Given the principle, the application of the Gardiner white slave trade suggests some fascinating possibilities.

Mr. Lazar M. Kaganovich would like to see a tunnel bored beneath the Bering Strait. This would link the Old World with the New, but from the sides opposite to those usually thought of.

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Tunnels are connecting links, dark, secret passages, full of mystery and the threat of danger, through which a boy can crawl with bated breath and thumping heart toward adventure.

other example of Ottawa's discrimination against Quebec. So, quite rightly, we would soon ship wheat in exchange for French settlers too. From that, it would be short step to opening a world-wide barter trade in human lives.

On humanitarian grounds, our restrictive immigration practices would have to bow before the hunger of brown, yellow and black races, as well as white.

MAIL ORDER BRIDES The wheat farmers of Saskatchewan could expect some share in this deal. We might have situations like the chestnut about the lonely bachelor settler, who returned the gown to the mail order house because it was not the same as the one illustrated in the catalogue - the girl inside was missing.

The final doubt about this plan is whether it would in fact diminish our wheat surplus. For Mr. Gardiner could not deny that a Canadian baby is worth as much wheat as a British baby.

THE MIGHTY PORTHOS It was in a tunnel's mouth, with the bretons' boat and safety half a dozen steps away and eighty of the King's Guards slain behind him in the blasted grotto of Locmaria, that the mighty Porthos met his Homeric doom beneath those three inexorable granite monoliths.

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The Poet's Corner

THE WEATHER'S WAY "You just can't trust the weather," we remark - the weather never breaks its word.

The Dead Sea Scrolls

It now is nearly nine years since an archbishop of the Syrian Church, Mar Athanasius Yeshue Samuel, first held in his hands a brittle, dusty roll of parchment.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sandesen, M. D. BED REST AIDS RECOVERY FROM RHEUMATIC FEVER We have no miracle drugs to cure rheumatic fever.

Local applications to the joints also may be helpful. Maybe your doctor will recommend use of methylsalicylate liniment to give some relief.

LONG BED REST Even if the heart is not obviously involved, the patient should remain in bed for at least three months. And if the heart is affected it means a minimum of six months' bed rest.

BE CONFIDENT Be confident of his recovery—the odds are greatly in his favor—and let him share this confidence. The heart is a pretty tough organ. Tell him so.

It's important, of course, that you permit your child to enjoy all the activities the doctor allows. The doctor knows better than you when it's okay for the youngster to do certain things.

QUESTION AND ANSWER G. C.: Is there anything that can be done for bow-legs? Would an operation correct them?

By Elaine V. Emans in the New York Herald Tribune.

Notes By The Way

At high speeds you aren't driving your car anymore, you're aiming it.—Niagara Falls Review.

Seventy years is the average life of a pipe, we're told. Most of those years being doubtless spent dodging fishermen.—Chatham News.

An electronic brain in New York has written a book. Sure, but how will it look in the customary author's portrait on the jacket, wearing an open-necked shirt, smoking a pipe and caressing a cologne dog?—Winnipeg Tribune.

It would be interesting to know what has become of the 1,347 Victoria Crosses that have been awarded since Queen Victoria instituted the medal for valor a century ago.

The crackdown on errant motorists, particularly drunken drivers, showed itself plainly in Vehicle Accident Court, where a man convicted of drunken driving for the first time was sent to jail for 30 days.

Unlike West Germany, which started again from scratch after the war, we cannot say that both exports and imports are expanding. And until we can, we must resign ourselves to all the penalties of a high-cost economy.

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