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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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Forest Fire Danger

Although only one forest fire has been reported in the Province this season, the Forestry Division of the Department of Industry and Natural Resources is concerned about the danger of new outbreaks.

Farmers And Freight Rates

Farm organizations are protesting loudly against any further increase in railway freight rates, and according to an Ottawa correspondent in the Vancouver News-Herald, a lot more will be heard about it when Parliament reassembles on November 20.

DBS farm price index figures issued July 8 show the farm price index fell to 258.3 or 6.5 points below the April figure of 264.8, and 34.7 points or nearly 12 per cent below the May, 1951, figure of 293.0.

Lower prices for grains, livestock, dairy products, poultry and eggs offset the rise in potato prices due to the potato shortage.

But farm machinery and equipment prices continue to rise. In terms of wholesale prices, in 1951, farmers paid \$235,620,345 for farm implements and equipment or eight per cent more than the \$218,187,120 they paid in 1950.

Returns On Investment

Speaking before the Canadian Exporters' Association in Toronto, Mr. Henry Borden, C.M.G., Q.C., gave an address on Canadian trade and foreign investment.

Fifty years ago a small group of Canadians invested their own resources in a public utility in Brazil. Since that time this investment has grown to almost \$750 million, and the facilities that it supports are now supplying that country with a large proportion of its electric power, gas and telephone services.

But what has all this done for Canada? Just this: in the past 5 years Canadian suppliers of goods and materials have received business in respect of capital goods to the extent of approximately \$50,000,000 and during the same period suppliers in other countries outside Brazil have received like business in an approximately equivalent amount.

From the Brazilian point of view, the Canadian point of view and the world point of view, this has indeed been a sound investment. There is not the slightest doubt that this investment has stimulated the interchange of goods between Brazil and Canada, and developed interest and knowledge in Brazil of Canada and in Canada of Brazil.

Portugal, allies and traders of long standing in the Old World, are thus learning from one another that more trade, both export and import, may be sought and found in each.

New Commonwealth Members

Who has the right to admit new members to the Commonwealth of Nations? The question arose in the British House of Commons a few days ago when it was suggested that the Gold Coast be accorded membership.

The point being pressed, Mr. Churchill read a statement of policy issued by the Labor Government in June 7, 1951, as follows: "Whilst the United Kingdom Government alone carry the responsibility for internal constitutional developments in Colonies dependent upon the United Kingdom, we recognize the interest of the Governments of other members of the Commonwealth, and it is our practice to keep them informed of major developments in that sphere.

And again: "We must make quite clear the distinction between the grant of responsible self-government within the Commonwealth, which is a matter for the United Kingdom Government and the territory concerned, and for them alone, and the question of becoming a full member of the Commonwealth, which is of course a matter for all members of the Commonwealth."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The holiday really began Saturday for many students who had been on pins and needles waiting for P. W. C. Entrance results.

It is to be hoped that when Transport Minister Chevrier makes his inspection to determine the requirements to modernize the Charlottetown airport he will come, see, and be conquered.

Both the man and the office were shown greater recognition in the appointment of Chief Welfare Officer J. J. Trainor to be Deputy Minister of Welfare in the Department of Health and Welfare.

The extension of the breakwater at Wood Islands for which tenders have been called is all to the good and will no doubt lead to improvement in the ferry service.

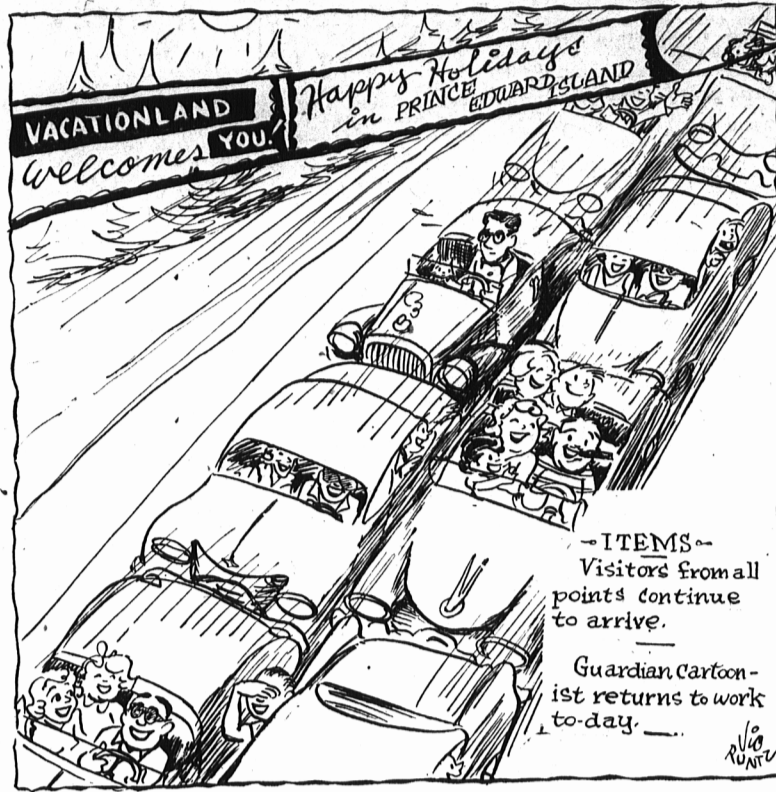
Despite his name, Highways Minister Doucett of Ontario must be a Scott. He recently advised motorists to buy their gasoline early in the day for "better value."

It's only 30 years since the first person flew the Atlantic and until after the last war there was virtually no such thing as commercial air traffic over this broad ocean, says the Financial Post.

Johann Sebastian Bach, one of the greatest musicians, died this date 1750. He came of a highly musical family and early showed signs of genius. His early compositions were chiefly church cantatas, soon to be followed by some of his best suites and choral work including two settings of the Passion.

Governments were requested to complete questionnaires on aspects of their fishing industries which affected conditions of work. The information thus obtained was compiled with a view toward a possible International Fishermen's Charter, which would set out minimum standards of wages and working conditions, continuity of employment, social legislation, etc.

Puzzle: Find The One That's Already Had His



ITEMS - Visitors from all points continue to arrive. Guardian Cartoonist returns to work to-day.

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.

PROVE IT BY DOLLARS

Sir.—Are you aware that in Australia, the Queensland Temperance League carries on a business enterprise, in erecting hotels for the travelling public, in which no liquor is served, none sold, none carried in by the guests, no one intoxicated within their walls, where each guest that registers signs a card on which he or she agrees to this system and likes it.

The first one, erected in 1929, is the Hotel Canberra. It met with immediate and almost surprising success. After operating for five years, it was enlarged to accommodate 500 guests.

Since then another liquorless hotel has been built and operated by the Queensland Temperance League. These hotels are equal to the best in architecture, accommodation and service. The profits that are made are used for temperance education or other activity in the fight for sobriety.

These facts should ease the minds of those who think that the tourist business will suffer if we do not meet them at Borden, or our front door with alcoholic drink. Conditions in Australia are very similar to those in Canada. And a large section of the people prefer to get away as far as possible from "skid row" and the "flop houses."

One temperance hotel in Brisbane, the Canberra, does as much business as any five others in the same city.

Too many of our people have a mistaken idea that honesty is not the best economic policy, that you can not run an honest business and prosper. And it is not honest to take the visitors' money and "steal his brains."

I am Sir, etc. ARCHIE MACKENZIE, Kensington, P. E. I.

Greenland Today

(Ottawa Journal) Canadians so greatly influenced by the activities of their neighbor to the south tend to forget they have another great—in land mass—neighbor to the north.

In this land of 840,000 square miles—the largest island except Australia—much progress has been made recently in the development of government and services. The Danish Parliament has adopted the report of a royal commission creating a Greenland National Council to be elected by universal, direct and secret ballot by all men and women above the age of 23.

This of course does not mean that the Greenlanders have become independent, but it is significant that a proposal to have a Greenland member elected to the Danish Parliament was rejected by the royal commission because the representatives of Greenland opposed the idea.

A booklet published by the Royal Danish Ministry for Foreign Affairs declares that the final aim

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

MARKET DAYS CHANGED

"In compliance with a requisition to His Worship the Mayor, a meeting of citizens took place at the City Hall on Thursday evening, for the purpose of taking into consideration the necessity of a change in the Market days. His Worship having called the meeting to order, and Mr. A. H. Yates having been chosen secretary, the views of those present were solicited.

"At first a resolution submitted as a test by Hon. Joseph Hensley, seemed likely to pass, to change the market days in each week from Wednesday and Saturday to Tuesday and Friday. This, however, was subsequently withdrawn, and the following resolution unanimously adopted: "That in the opinion of this meeting the present system of holding semi-weekly markets in the City, namely on Wednesday and Saturday, should be discontinued, and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, in each week, be substituted."

"This we cannot fail to regard as a step in the right direction, and calculated to promote among other advantages a more perfect observance of the Sabbath, a diminution of drunkenness, greater comfort in mercantile operations, with great and varied advantages to employers and our operative population generally. To give honour where honour is due, we feel it but a simple act of justice to one now removed from this Colony, to state that whatever advantages may accrue from the abolition of the Saturday market, the Rev. Donald Morrison, late of Strathalbyn, was the first to publicize it, and we trust that all the benefits the reverend gentleman expected as the result of the change, may be realized."

The Age-Old Story

I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor. Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

VULCAN, Alta., (CP)—The first gas-air mix plant and central distributing system on the prairies was officially opened here recently. A giant flare was lit and swimming and diving exhibitions were part of the event.

"A complete partnership, formally and actually, between the Greenland people and their fellow-subjects of the Danish Crown."

In this vast, cold land live some 18,000 people of Eskimo origin, many of whom have white blood in their veins. They hunt and fish as do the Canadian Eskimos, but they also operate radio stations, build churches and mine cryolite.

The Greenlanders' progress from a Stone Age culture to a modern community where he enjoys his radio and motorboat, has passed almost unnoticed by us, divided from him only by the few miles of water on the East of Ellesmere Island. Belatedly we are becoming more aware of him and his achievements and it is all the more pleasant for being something of a surprise.

Notes From Another Island

By "Anson"

LONDON, England:—

One of the things for which Winston Churchill became well-known during his wartime Premiership was his unwillingness to commit himself to all optimistic prophecies save one. He was, he always said, sure that we would win through in the end; but until we actually did, he was full of forecasts of gloom, hardship and tragedy. Everything on the black side, in fact, except despondency, and that was forbidden by law under the Defence Regulations.

This Churchillian brand of ultra-cautious optimism (if that is not too strong a word) finds an echo in many a British heart. It has a predilection for assuming that the worst is likely to happen, so that when it doesn't, the outcome doesn't seem half as harrowing as we had feared. It is a policy that is all very well—up to a point. Beyond that point there are ourselves into a sense of false security, a belief that because things are sure not to be as bad as they seem, we need not take much action to avert a possible crisis.

Hence it seemed we were on familiar ground when, despite signs that our economic position was improving, Mr. Churchill spoke darkly of forthcoming stern measures that were soon going to be necessary to put us really on our financial feet.

It was all very confusing, but perhaps the confusion was partly of our own making because, being only human, we are prone to form an opinion of the nation's progress in the light of our own personal discoveries. We had discovered for instance (and this seems a matter of vital importance), that there were signs of a decline in the cost of living.

They were only signs so far, true enough. The things that were getting less expensive were not everyday items that would affect housekeeping budgets, but they could at least be regarded as straws in the wind. There was even occasional official support for our hopes, and one member of the Government, who should know, went so far as to express the belief that the peak in the rise of the cost of living had been reached, subject of course to certain reservations and exceptions.

Some foodstuffs were among the exceptions, a fact which quickly took much of the gilt off the gingerbread. All the same, gingerbread with or without gilt is generally acceptable, and it seemed fairly reasonable to suppose that if things like building materials and textiles came down in price, other items could easily follow suit.

Besides all this, there was, apparently, ground for believing that even on the broad canvas of international trading the picture was getting brighter. The Chancellor of the Exchequer said so, and produced figures of the customary astronomical size to prove it.

And then, after all this, came the Prime Minister's thunderbolt, to shatter any premature ideas we might have had of vulgar affluence just round the corner. It was a bit of a surprise, not only because it was not what we expected, but because it was not what we needed. It was a bit of a surprise, not only because it was not what we expected, but because it was not what we needed.

NEEDLESS HONKING A survey has shown that more than 80 per cent of all car-horn blowing is unnecessary.

Notes By The Way

Maine scientists have developed a rabbit that snarls and turns on a tormentor. The wolf, we fear, will denounce this as unfair competition.—Windsor Star.

The weather has been so torrid that even the fish won't bite. The mosquitoes are making up for it, just as that wistful hour of darkness falls at night, when it is so nice to lounge outside.—St. Catharines Standard.

Researchers now come up with the belief that morons, with a mental age of from 10 to 12 years, make the best type of car drivers. This weird finding places "intelligence at the wheel" in an uncomplimentary category.—Hamilton Spectator.

A brutal scientist once wanted to disinfect the Blarney Stone visitors to Ireland kias to ensure fluency. Now an analyst declares impure the water of St. Walsburg, England, which Britons have drunk for 1,000 years believing it effects miraculous cures.—Ottawa Journal.

A French women's magazine warns its readers against giving what in this country, might be idiomatically described as a "hen" party without apprising the guests that they will meet ladies only. What difference in preparation a woman wears as between an all-woman affair and a mixed one we wouldn't know, but it wouldn't surprise us if it had something to do with the question of dress. The French woman is said to differ from the women on this continent in that she is concerned about dressing to arouse envy among other women. The Parisienne may put on a pretty dress and sport a dinky hat if she expects to meet a lot of men, but she does not see the same necessity for dressing to kill if she is going to meet women only.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

The super-liner United States is the new holder of the North Atlantic's blue ribbon for the West to East crossing, having made the run from New York's Ambrose Light to Bishop's Rock in three days, 10 hours, and 40 minutes. Her average speed was 35.656 knots, well above the Queen Mary's best mark of 31.8 knots. The Queen Mary's 14-year hold on the ocean speed record is ended, perhaps permanently. It is 16 years since she was built, and in the interim she has seen hard service as a trooper, under the worst of conditions. Refinements in construction (use of aluminum has made the United States many thousands of tons lighter) give new ships advantages over the old. One is not de-

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The Poet's Corner

FROM CLIFTON CHAPEL

This is the Chapel: here, my son, Your father thought the thoughts of youth. And heard the words that one by one The touch of Life has turn'd to truth. Here in a day that is not far, You too may speak with noble ghosts Of manhood and the vows of war You made before the lord of Hosts. To set the cause above renown. To love the game beyond the prize, To honor, while you strike him down. The foe that comes with fearless eyes: To count the life of battle good, And bear the land that gave you birth, And dearer yet the brotherhood That binds the brave of all the earth. —Henry Newbolt.