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Strange Submarines

There seems little doubt that foreign submarines—probably Russian—are operating and have been seen in Newfoundland waters.

It is likely, however, now that two or three subs have been reported, that the suggestive idea will catch on and that the whole Russian fleet will be reported hovering off shore—two or three ships at a time, of course—within the next six months or so.

From now on, whales and all that move in the waters, floating debris, fishermen's dories slightly off course and even white caps on a windy day will be reported as strange submarines.

Canada's Export Trade

On their journeys out West both Prime Minister St. Laurent and Progressive Conservative leader Diefenbaker have been having a lot to say about the United States' policy of "giving away" wheat to countries which normally are considered Canadian customers.

Mr. St. Laurent appears to hope that the situation is only temporary; and he says that, in any case, Canadians would never take kindly to a similar program.

Is it reasonable to assume that European countries are going to pay out scarce dollars for Canadian wheat, even if it be of a better quality than that offered by the United States, if they can get the American product for their own currencies, on long term credits or even as outright gifts?

Mr. Diefenbaker, for his part, blames the Government for, as he put it in a recent speech, "doing nothing while the United States attacks Canada's markets with almost ruthless abandon".

knows, that Ottawa hasn't the slightest influence on Washington's agricultural policies. A very strong protest might look better and sound better, from the Canadian point of view, than "a mild one in dulcet tones", to quote Mr. Diefenbaker, but it would be no more effective.

The facts are simple: (1) The United States has billions of dollars tied up in farm surpluses; (2) Congress is going to try every conceivable plan for getting rid of these surpluses, no matter whose feelings are hurt or whose business dealings are damaged in the process.

Perfectly Understandable

It is little wonder that the French feel that the British have deserted them in a matter of common interest and at a time of great difficulty. Prime Minister MacMillan's decision to permit British freighters to use the Suez canal on Egypt's terms is, whichever way one looks at it, a full scale retreat from the previous British-French policy which insisted on the insulation of the waterway from the politics of any country.

It is all very well for Mr. MacMillan to say that the new policy of his Government does not represent an "agreement" with Egypt but only a temporary arrangement, pending further negotiations through the United Nations.

The only thing that can be said for the British change of policy is that no other was possible in the circumstances. It is a simple case of economic pressures taking precedence over all other considerations.

A report says that the "old-time" general practitioner is once again coming into public favour. As far as that goes, he always was and is now the main guardian of the public health.

A professor at Florida State University specializes in whale psychology and is kept busy explaining to various clients just why the large sea animals behave as they do. Among inquiries he has received in recent months was one from the Provincial Department of Fisheries in Newfoundland.

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ONE GOOD THING AFTER ANOTHER

The Highway Traffic Toll

Traffic engineers and legislators across Canada are searching for methods of reducing what seems to be an inevitable yearly rise in fatalities.

A Canadian Press survey of provincial records shows a rise in fatalities this year of approximately five per cent over last year. So far more than 680 persons have been killed.

Ontario, Quebec, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and New Brunswick all reported records in both registration and accident fatalities in 1956.

Ontario, too, has revised its laws to come more in line with the general pattern. Fines were increased, and minimum levels of insurance set.

The Mayflower Sails Again

Some twenty-five years after the death of Sir Francis Drake, a small ship left Plymouth, the home port of the famous admiral, and headed into the stormy Atlantic bound for the distant shores of North America.

Another little ship of the same size and build is today tossing on the broad bosom of the Atlantic, seeking to duplicate the historic voyage of the Pilgrim Fathers.

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than the rest of the provinces, fatalities were generally below record level. Last year 152 persons died in Nova Scotia, 16 in Prince Edward Island and 43 in Newfoundland.

Quebec, with the second largest registration in the country, also has the second highest fatality rate. The 803 deaths last year set a record.

where the "Mayflower" was waiting for them. Three-hundred miles from Land's End the "Speedwell" sprung a leak and both vessels returned to port.

Harsh treatment was soon meted out to the members of the Scrooby Church, Bradford tells us that they were "hunted and persecuted on every side."

Many of the finally managed to escape to Amsterdam, and later a number moved to Leiden where John Robinson, a scholar and a man of broad sympathies and formerly a minister in Norwich, was their pastor.

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that you will need to be doing when you like it or not.

Quartz crystal clocks have gradually superseded pendulum-type clocks in observatories where time must be most accurate.

Medically Speaking

BEFORE TAKING A DRINK POINTS TO THINK OVER "AN ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

This philosophy is especially true in the case of alcoholism. It's a lot more difficult to cure an alcoholic than it is to prevent the disease in the first place.

ALWAYS associate drinking with solid food. Adopt good eating habits. Excess drink may rob a person of his desire for food.

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NOTES BY THE WAY You can leave foot-prints in the sands of time, or the impressions of a heel.—Brandon Sun

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