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

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St. Dunstan's Closing

A few years ago at Harvard University a special committee devoted the whole of its time to a study of the great field of American education.

Down through the years, St. Dunstan's University has served successive generations with increasing efficiency, both in the modern sciences and in the more thoroughly tested paths of the humanities.

This is, we believe, the University's 103rd convocation. It is an important day for the graduating class, for the faculty and for all the students, former students and friends of the institution, which has served this Province so well and which is now, despite its venerable age, still in the heyday of its youth and vigor.

Strictly On Their Own

Old customs are hard to change, whether they be wise or foolish. For example, it has always been a mystery why election ballots do not indicate the political affiliations of the various candidates.

This mistake could easily be avoided by having the proper designation appear after the man's name. Any why not? after all, it is the winning party that makes the Government.

Still Rampant

Whatever matters were agreed upon by President Eisenhower and King Saud of Saudi Arabia on the occasion of the latter's visit to Washington some months ago, the suppression of slavery in the Moslem kingdom was, evidently, not one of them.

Forays into mountainous regions are not as frequent as they used to be, although they are still carried on. Traders concentrate chiefly on the annual pilgrimages to Mecca.

King Saud is, of course, quite familiar with these goings-on, and he could stop the practice easily enough if he were so inclined. The U. N. report does not say so in as many words, but it leaves little doubt that the traffic in one way and another brings a good income to the royal coffers.

Freight Subventions

The first revision of the Maritime Freight Rates Act in 30 years will come into force on or about July 1st when rail rates will be reduced on shipments of commodities outbound from the Atlantic provinces.

As noted by the Cape Breton Post, great credit is due the Maritimes Transportation Commission for the decision finally reached. The case for the revision of the Maritime Freight Rates Act was pressed strongly for years by the commission.

The revision, says The Post, should help appreciably the industries of the Atlantic region in their endeavor to compete more successfully in the Canadian market outside this region. It would have helped more had the rail freight rates on commodities moving entirely within the Atlantic region been reduced.

"While there is plenty of reason to rejoice in the additional subventions granted by Ottawa," says our Sydney contemporary, "it would be a mistake to assume that the Maritime Freight Rates Act has been made completely up-to-date. As has been pointed out by the Maritimes Transportation Commission, the act is a complicated piece of legislation which requires considerable detailed analysis before it is finally adjusted."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Workers are to get three hours off on June 10 for voting purposes. A holiday, you might say.

The United States Air Force has completed an electronic recharting of all North Atlantic sea areas. Charts now in use, it is reported, would be of no service in the event of nuclear war when absolute accuracy in aiming of long range missiles would be imperative.

Advertisers of alcoholic liquors in the old days were imaginative, if nothing else. A researcher has disclosed that in the 1890's it was nothing to see whiskey proclaimed as "the only sure cure for consumption, bronchitis and all other wasting diseases."

The first shipment of oil (16,000 tons) to be produced in French Equatorial Africa has arrived in France. By 1960, it is expected, French Africa and Algerian wells will provide more than two-thirds of French oil requirements. Arab Governments should take note of this prospect as well as of the fact that one day, not too far in the future, atomic power will make Europe far less dependent than it is now on Middle East oil.



OUR BOYS LEAD THE PARADE

OTTAWA REPORT

More About Statistics

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: "How're you living?" This is the friendly greeting, the western "hello," with which Ross Thatcher, Moose Jaw's three-time member of parliament, greets people here.

It is answered in very serious manner by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in its "Daily Bulletin" which this column started to describe yesterday.

Our population reached a record 16,420,000 on 1st March of this year. We live in an estimated 3,974,000 households. As a rough rule of thumb, statisticians vary on the basis that our population is divided up nearly into neat little parcels of four-person-families.

That is, father, mother and two children. It averages out close enough for rough rule of thumb purposes. But in practice of course the Canadian household varies widely, from the Quebec farm-house which may, and probably does, contain widowed grandmother, father and mother, and a baker's dozen of little "Canadian and Canadianers" to the metropolitan "Bachelor suite" occupied by a single or lone career woman.

And the accommodation occupied by the Canadian "household" may be and indeed does vary from the quarter-million-dollar bungalow home on Toronto's "Platinum Boulevard" to the \$2,000 worth of shack recently moved at a cost of \$4,000 by Ontario Hydro to make way for the St. Lawrence Seaway flooding.

MODERN CONVENIENCES The average picture of the average of these widely varying Canadian homes is presented in neat tabulated form by the Bureau of Statistics.

The proportion of Canadian homes equipped with modern conveniences increased again in 1956, declares the Bureau. And one too soon, to judge by the statistics of basic essentials. It is accepted as a perennially good joke in Canada to refer to French plumbing. But let us be honest: Paris has had flush toilets, running water, adequate sewers and sewage disposal plants for longer than any of us can remember. Yet in advanced and materially-blessed North America are such tight-wads that we refuse to spend the dollars needed to relieve us from the chronic state which we euphemistically call "stomach flu," and which doctors say is attributable to our primitive sewage disposal system.

Speaking for Ottawa, and that goes for most of our communities, the one feature of our lives, in addition to canoes, which we have adopted unchanged from the Red Indian is our sewage disposal system, of dumping it raw into our rivers.

In the Ottawa River, to take a horrible example, no fish can now live in the stretch of 100 miles down-stream from this city; yet we allow our children to swim in it.

THREE OUT OF FOUR However, even if the outlet is only into the nearest river, or into a septic tank which contaminates wells and erupts above the surface, three out of four of our homes now has a flush toilet. Some of these, we must admit, have to be shared with other families. A handful of families use a chemical toilet. And 83,000 Canadian homes have neither flush nor chemical toilet.

However, we are spending \$100,000,000 of the taxpayers' money—the exact sum which was used to equip all those unsewered or septic tank at least—on bringing culture to Canadians.

I don't want to appear crudely utilitarian, but I do feel that lavatories should come before learning; no child ever contracted crippling polio because it could not hear a Canadian symphony, no adult suffers "stomach flu" annually because his or her eyes cannot feast upon a Canadian oil-painting.

In other fields of material comfort and convenience, we are doing better. While 75 per cent of our homes have the sole or shared use of a telephone, 94 per cent have electrification and 96 per cent have radio. 57 per cent use furnaces for heating purposes but a higher 58 per cent have a car. Two out of three families use other means of transport, a simplified way of saying that in three years we have paid to a landlord and nearly two in three pay it to a mortgage company.

2,199 homes have a vacuum cleaner; 2,676 have a sewing machine; 3,311 have some form of refrigerator; and 3,308 have a washing machine.

With a tip of the hat to nature, science, and instalment buying, we can truly say that we never had it so good.

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.

APPRECIATION

Sir, While I have not had time to read carefully through your special edition on agriculture, I am, nevertheless, amazed that it is a very worthwhile contribution to the advancement of agriculture in this Province and an innovation upon which your paper is to be highly commended.

I hope it is your intention to continue and develop this feature from year to year, it has most interesting possibilities and can serve a most useful purpose.

I regret that difficulties of the ordinary prevented my contributing to this edition, you may rest assured, however, that in the future, if at all possible, our organization will be prepared to cooperate with you.

I am, Sir, etc. J.L. DEWAR Secretary P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture

FISHING AND SHOOTING

Sir, In Saturday's issue of The Guardian Mr. Spurgeon Jenkins in his column "Hunter's Corner," makes the following statement: "Some reports are exaggerated and for this reason I have made sometimes general complaints received concerning a specific sector from people who had no previous knowledge that others had voiced information having to do with the same general idea. Here is a specific instance."

Mr. Jenkins then went on to tell how a city angler told him that while recently fishing in the pond at the site of the old Crosby Mill, Marshfield, he had heard heavy shooting in the Mill Creek "sometimes one or two, at others regular volleys of eight or ten shots." Also a resident of the Red Point Wharf area had given him a similar report. This is a case where someone is again obviously pulling the wool over my eyes and he should investigate more carefully before giving publicity to rumours which reflect on the residents of any specific area. The people on both sides of Mill Creek have never been guilty of illegal shooting themselves nor will they allow any on their property by any one else.

I have checked with the property owners on both sides of Mill Creek, Mr. Leigh Frizell and my father, Almon Wood also with other neighbours in the vicinity and no one has heard a shot fired this year. The geese have been very plentiful and so tame that they were coming into our orchard within 100 yards of the home.

Last week a resident from the Jack Miner area of Ontario used up a whole film photographing these geese at close range which would have been impossible if they had been subjected to any recent shooting.

With regard to the City angler who reported "gunshots all afternoon and on into the evening" I would like to inform Mr. Jenkins that I have leased the pond in question and the parties who have leased it informed me that they have a but discarded this matter with him. Therefore, it would seem his informant was fishing illegally "all afternoon and on into the evening." I would much prefer that Mr. Jenkins would give some publicity to his City friend who was angling illegally in my pond rather than to publish erroneous statements which reflect on the people of this neighbourhood.

I am, Sir, etc. WALLACE WOOD Marshfield, P.E.I.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL—1606

Montreal Gazette

The first known poems written north of Mexico and dealing with an early attempt by the French to settle in Nova Scotia and Maine, are reprinted in the current issue of the Harvard Library Bulletin.

Annapolis Royal, which the French called Fort Royal, is described in one of the poems, which was written in 1606. The poet, one of the settlers, wrote: "In this solitary spot the just man has enough to delight him and to admire the power and goodness of God, if he wishes to contemplate His charming loveliness. For, if one goes wandering around the whole earth, and even ferrets out all the secret places of the world, one will find nothing so beautiful or so perfect that Havre Royal does not surpass by very much."

The four poems are reprinted from a pamphlet that commemorated the repatriation for France of one of the leaders of a group of Frenchmen who had spent the previous two years on St. Croix Island, now Doche's Island, in Maine, and at Port Royal in Nova Scotia. The pamphlet is the only one known in existence today, and except for a slight browning of its pages, it is in good condition.

REACHED NEW WORLD The two ships reached the New World in May and eventually came to a place which de Monts named Port Royal, at the mouth of a river which he called "L'Equille" after the first fish, an eel, caught by the expedition. The river is now the Annapolis River. After the expedition explored

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Budescu, M.D.

HEED EARLY WARNINGS THAT MIGHT BE CANCER The danger of the genito-urinary tract takes a heavy toll in human life. One of the most common forms of cancer in men, prostate cancer, is nearly one-fifth of all male cancer deaths.

Yet, like most other forms of cancer, genito-urinary cancer usually can be cured if it is treated promptly.

EARLY SYMPTOMS The danger lies in the fact that you may fail to recognize the early symptoms. These vague symptoms sometimes persuade patients that doctors cannot help them. A positive diagnosis is made after a physical examination. Like virtually all forms of cancer, cancer of the genito-urinary tract is pretty much a mystery to us. However, statistics show us that elderly persons most often are the victims. We also know that the cancer sometimes is associated with certain substances in the urine.

FOREIGN MATERIAL The urine contains many foreign waste materials which enter your body through the mouth, lungs and skin. The American Cancer Society points out that long exposure to the fumes of the urinary tract to certain of these substances has been shown to be associated with an increased incidence of cancer.

We also believe that chronic irritations and inflammations may be possible contributing factors in the cancer of the genito-urinary tract and in other parts of the body.

Take cancer of the bladder, for example. There chronic irritation from stones or a long-standing infection might be an important factor in developing cancer.

You have a good chance of preventing serious trouble if you see your doctor as soon as you notice anything unusual. Blood in the urine is a warning sign that should never be ignored.

Even more important for you men past the age of 50 is a complete examination at least once a year. You should not wait for danger signals to develop before seeing your physician.

QUESTION AND ANSWER John B: What causes dizziness in a person in whom apparently nothing seems to be wrong?

Answer: Dizziness is caused by various conditions, among which are constipation, high blood pressure, heart disease and kidney ailments. It may be due to defects of the eyes or semicircular canals in the ears.

You are in need of a careful study by your physician to find the cause before the proper treatment can be suggested for correcting the condition.



MARCHING SONG

Since I was shown a special way. Since I was told particular time: I may not choose a different day nor other gradient to climb.

What I have seen shall let me start. What I have heard sustain me then to pace the appointed road apart where it dissociates from men.

What I have known is now my might; my knowledge lasts the Journey long, affirms me wakeful as a light and forward as a marching song.

—Norma Farber, in the Christian Science Monitor.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(May 14, 1932) The group of fox breeders who have been meeting to discuss the question of research among foxes, met last night to receive the report of the delegation who met the Directors of the Canadian National Fox Breeders Association at their board meeting on Tuesday evening to place before them certain proposals. The delegation was informed that the resolution had been passed by the board to establish a bureau to deal with research work.

Another large school of herring came into Summerside harbour on Friday morning and the fishermen were busy with their catch. Heckbert Bros. brought another 25,000 pounds to the cold storage, while other fishermen also had larger catches than usual. It is felt that this catch will insure a large measure of sufficient supply of bait for lobster fishermen in the area.

TEN YEARS AGO

(May 14, 1947) Division of the dual constituency of Queen's was fought before the House of Commons redistribution committee yesterday morning by its chairman, C. G. Power. After brief discussion, it was decided to defer action on the matter until the P.E.I. members had consulted and to bring it before the committee next week.

Lobster fishermen are averaging 200 pounds of lobsters per boat at Beach Point, Murray Harbour and Graham's Pond, three lobster fishing centres in Kings County. Reports from the Western section of the Province indicate that the fishermen at North Cape, Tignish and Alberton have all their gear set but that the catches are poor.

MAXIMS

Man is distinguished among the animals for his persistent and occasionally successful attempts to do what cannot be done.

An exploring expedition went westward and southward along the coast as far as a place referred to as Malabar Bay, but returned without finding a more suitable site for a colony," writes Mr. Wilkins.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Nothing like astronomy to put us in our place. Recently an astronomer, revealed that, compared with others, our glorious sun is "merely a very dim, dwarf star." Doubtless astronomers on larger planets than this refer to the Earth as the cinder which appears to have vermin on it.—Peterborough Examiner

After a long and stubborn rear-guard action, the United States government has made a limited surrender to the facts of life in regard to Communist China. It has proposed to its allies a partial relaxation of the international controls on trade with China which have been in effect for the last six years.—Globe and Mail

Two small fossils, said to be 150 million years old, were found Tuesday in an excavation for a new house in New Jersey. The chairman of the Rutgers University geology department said the two fossilized bones were part of a dinosaur-like reptile that lived in the classic period, which lasted from about 170 million to 150 million years ago. A punctuation mark in eternity.—Cape Breton Post

If the U.S. shuts its eyes to Russia's manifest intentions in the Middle East it is not being intelligent. If it sits in moral judgment on Britain and Eden, it is not being honest. The U.S. was fast to apply its arms when Panama and American investment were threatened in Guatemala. It supplied arms to Guatemalan rebels to overthrow a new Communist-tinged regime there. In January, 1955 it sold military planes for one dollar each to Costa Rica to suppress a revolt which might have established a government unfriendly to U.S. interests. In both cases Mr. Dulles was Secretary of State. In neither was the U.N. consulted.—Kingston-Whig Standard

Science keeps on proving the ciphers are bad for mice, and it seems to have put its point across. You very seldom see a mouse moping.—Orillia Packet

Medicine Hat can make the enviable claim of being one of the safest cities in Canada in which to live. There has not been a traffic fatality there for nearly three years.—Calgary Herald

Various schemes for simplified spelling fail to gain much ground except for the currently popular one of merely spelling a word any way you feel like.—Winnipeg Tribune

A Michigan baby has had two teeth pulled at the age of five weeks. It is unusual for anyone to acquire such a prime topic for conversation even before he can talk.—Edmonton Journal

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