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Discussing the P.E.I. causeway possibilities before the House of Commons railway committee the other day, CNR President Donald Gordon is quoted as saying he presumed the project would be feasible to operate but he would not venture an opinion on how economical it might be.

We do, however, appreciate his statement that "if the causeway is feasible, it would be equally feasible to put a railway line on it." That would certainly be required, and it would necessarily figure in the cost of construction.

No doubt it was he who gave the Federal Minister of Transport this idea. It was one of the alternatives mentioned in the statement from our Island members at Ottawa, and discussed with them and Premier Matheson last week; and it is the least satisfactory one so far as our year-round requirements are concerned.

In this matter of providing continuous communication between the Province and the mainland, there are obligations involved with which the Railway as operating agent has nothing whatever to do. We want to keep it that way. We respect Mr. Gordon for his outstanding ability, and we should like to have his support at all times.

It is not always wise to throw away old pictures. In a Coburg, Ont. church officials had decided to throw out a picture that had hung in the parish hall for 50 years, when an art expert, who happened by chance to see it, said it was a masterpiece and might be worth as much as \$100,000.

Hopes And Anxieties

It is to be hoped that Hon. Lionel Chevrier, first president of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, is correct in his view that the Seaway may open up new movements between the Atlantic Provinces and all the Canadian Great Lakes ports.

Meanwhile that great English newspaper, the Manchester Guardian, has been taking a look at the prospects from the Maritime standpoint. Saint John and Halifax, it notes, have established a joint commission to watch over their interests.

"What these ports fear," says The Guardian, "is that year-round navigation as far west as Quebec may be expected within fifteen years, possibly much less, and that eventually year-round navigation of the Seaway itself may be made possible."

seen delays and so on will be very great. "If these expenses add up to more than the cost of rail or road transportation from the Atlantic ports, it will hardly be good business for those trading, or for the country, since the additional prosperity of Quebec would be counterbalanced by the death-blow to Saint John and Halifax. The future threat to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia is a real one in these days of swift scientific progress."

British Columbia top, notes The Guardian, is awaiting the Seaway effects with some anxiety. The ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert have been the outlet for much prairie wheat, more than half of which goes to the Pacific and will not be affected. About 45 per cent goes to Europe, and this trade may decrease during the Seaway season.

U.S. Teacher Situation

Canada is not the only country with a teacher shortage problem. It has, indeed, been a source of considerable concern to educationists in the neighboring Republic. According to the National Education Association (NEA) there will be a 135,000 teacher shortage this fall, which will force various makeshifts, including use of thousands of undertrained teachers.

The elementary teacher lack is reported to be serious, both as to quantity and preparation. While there are about 60 per cent more jobs for elementary teachers than for high school teachers, 60 per cent more students in teacher training are preparing for high school than for grade school. There is, however, encouraging news for those concerned about science and mathematics instruction.

Teacher quality is improving, at least in terms of formal training. More teachers have at least four years of college and more are taking additional training as they teach. A higher percentage of new graduates trained for teaching actually go into classrooms. And efforts to recruit former teachers, fully qualified and experienced, and other capable persons several years out of college are meeting considerable success.

EDITORIAL NOTES

July 6 has been proposed as a date for the opening of a federal-provincial conference of finance ministers on the tax-sharing agreements. It is to be hoped that this Province will take full advantage of the opportunity of restating our claims for a better fiscal deal.

There is little of the traditional English stuffiness about Prime Minister Harold Macmillan. Walking through the streets of a northern industrial town the other day, he was greeted by a woman voter with a loud "Boo!" The Prime Minister stopped, looked at his challenger, straightened his tie and snapped back: "Boo to you!" Then he walked on. That mightn't be a bad technique to use at the Geneva conference.

Even at the moment of his arrival at Washington, Sir Winston Churchill had a thought for Canada. In his brief sentences of reply to President Eisenhower's airport greetings, he said: "I am sorry that the brevity of my stay makes it impossible for me to visit Canada or to see many of my old friends." Friends indeed! To see them all he would need to tour Canada for many months, visiting not only every capital but every town, village and hamlet.

Fisheries Minister Angus MacLean filled in as Agriculture Minister in the House of Commons on Wednesday, and the occasion was too good to be missed by a CCF member, Frank Howard, who suggested that in view of Mr. MacLean's dual role he consult himself about turning over to the Fisheries Minister the Agriculture Minister's responsibility for administering subsidies to build cold storage space for fish and fish products. Speaker Michener cut off the discussion with the appropriate statement that it is "out of order for ministers to talk to themselves."



NO-LIMIT BOUT

On Furling The Flag

(H. F. Herbert in the Canadian Commentator)

Flags were invented to show where home is, and to rally the forces in a battle. But in this country, the battle is about the flag itself. It is a battle which no Government is ever likely to terminate, since the tumult over this unlikely topic drowns out more cogent debate.

PUBLIC FORUM

TRUCK TRAFFIC
Sir—Can you through your paper tell the public, why the weight restrictions are still in effect on P. E. Island and why a certain number of trucks can haul 300 bags of potatoes on each load at 75 lbs. each, and large tractors and floats weighing 30 tons can be moved every day, and when I call those that get paid by the people and are in authority about hauling a 7-ton load of gravel or sand, they say, "It's at your own risk." Their money comes easy; but next election day the truckmen will know what to do.

ONE AFFECTED
Wood Islands.

MORE NURSES REQUIRED

Sir—Newspapers generally, and the public at large, do well to note the difficulties in which our nursing profession now finds itself. The shortage of trained nurses in every field, and the consequent danger of the return of the cheap "Sairey Gamp" type of nurse, with all her frightening implications, can even threaten the future of the much-needed national health scheme.

A national crisis in the nursing profession has arisen due to various factors, the chief one being the erroneous impression that all salaried "grass roots" nurses (the ones who do the work, not those who sit behind a desk all day), are adequately paid.

Nursing today is a means of livelihood, as well as a vocation. Younger women are increasingly breadwinners, and have dependents, the same as other voters and taxpayers. These family responsibilities are of primary concern, and their financial needs must come before any vocation's demands, if that profession remains an ill-paid one. Suitable young men, who could give more stability to nursing, especially in administration and rural and northern fields, etc., are deterred from nursing by the inadequate salaries.

In alarming numbers, "grass roots" nurses are leaving Canada for the United States because of the higher salaries they can command there. Similarly, public health nurses in particular, are turning to the teaching profession, where they can earn \$1,200 a year more, and up, with attractive and encouraging annual increments.

Some house cleaning within the nursing profession is also required, especially with regard to specialized nurses, who have been forced into other nursing areas by the whim of people on higher levels.

Therefore, as some very concerned "grass roots" nurses across Canada want positive action in the matter, all R.N.'s who are discouraged and angry at the present situation, are invited to write their views to the undersigned, for further discussion and more constructive channeling of effort. Those nurses who are planning to leave for the U.S., or change to another line of work, please state reasons in detail. Our aim is, "to keep nurses in nursing and nurses in Canada."

Some Causes Of Fainting

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. You don't faint lying down. But once you do faint, about the best thing anyone can do for you is to see that you do lie down.

With the hot weather of summer just about here, I think a few words about fainting are always appropriate. POOR VENTILATION Inadequate ventilation and overly heated rooms are among the most common causes of this problem.

Why does a person faint? The reason is very simple. The brain is the seat of consciousness and when it doesn't get enough blood, fainting results. Too little ventilation and the other causes that have been listed above, bring about inadequate distribution of the blood.

SEVERAL SYMPTOMS There are several symptoms that can tell you if you are going to faint. First, there usually is a feeling of weakness, then blurring of vision and a failure of circulation. There may be dizziness and lightheadedness. The face will become pale and beaded with cold perspiration.

There are several things that should be done to aid a fainting victim. First, as previously stated, keep the person lying down. This will help get the blood back to the brain. If it isn't possible to have the person lie down, at least have him sit down and lower his head between his knees.

OUR YESTERDAYS. (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 8, 1934) The paving of certain sections of Fitzroy Street, Sydney Street and Brighton Road was set forth in a street paving program decided upon at a special meeting of the City Council held last evening.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 8, 1949) Appearing out of a very low overcast, the Summerside based aircraft, Polarix, circled the air-drome and then touched down for a landing at her home port Saturday, concluding a non-stop flight of approximately 3,000 Miles from Whitehorse, Y.T. The Zenith landed a few minutes later.

QUESTION AND ANSWER S.P.: My little boy, now nine years old, groans all night long. He has done this all his life. Can you tell me the cause of this and what can be done for him? Answer: This condition is usually caused by nervousness or dreaming.

THE AOE OLD STORY Speak every man Truth with his neighbour.

Lynch Mob Rides Again

Christian Science Monitor

In 1953 Tuskegee Institute dropped its annual tally of lynchings as no longer a "valid index" of race relations. In January, 1955, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported no lynchings in the previous three years. That year, however, three Negroes were killed (or disappeared) in Mississippi under circumstances which could be classed as lynchings.

MAXIMS Never tell a young person that something cannot be done. God may have been waiting for centuries for somebody ignorant enough of the impossible to do that very thing.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A reader writes that a letter which he addressed to a friend in Belgium has been returned to him with this postal notation on the envelope: "Vicious dog at front door."—Paris Journal

A banker went to the doctor for a checkup. Finally came the doctor's verdict. "You're as sound as a dollar!" "As bad as that!" exclaimed the banker. And he fainted dead away!—Knoxville Journal

There's some logical explanation, of course, but Shakespeare said something about Caesar's wife being above suspicion. Guests at a supper in one of the Fergus churches were admiring the pattern on a fine linen tablecloth, but were somewhat surprised to find the words "Hotel Shoreland, Chicago," woven into the tablecloth.—Fergus News Record

When people point out that few records of Shakespeare's life exist, advancing this as a reason for thinking that he cannot have been anybody of consequence, we are amused. A man who wrote 36 plays, worked as an actor, and managed a theatre has not much time over in which to do other things. Shakespeare was a writer, and the most productive time in a writer's life is when he sits at his desk—unless it is the time when he is inert, waiting for an idea.—Peterborough Examiner

Planes are now carrying more passengers back and forth across the Atlantic than ocean liners, but many who have time would never trade the idyllic leisure and good food of a sea voyage for a yearning passage through the upper airs.—Ottawa Journal

Drought in parts of Western Ontario dramatizes a situation that has been causing concern for many years. Rising demand for water and a falling water table create a problem that no measures yet taken have been able to solve. Ideas for piping water from the Great Lakes may have to be implemented.—Ottawa Citizen

Trapped wondrously in the excess of his rhetoric was Senator Dirksen of Illinois who so gallantly supported in the United States Senate the nomination of Clare Booth Luce as ambassador to Brazil. "Why?" asked the Senator in a classical case of mixed metaphors, "Why thresh old straw and beat an old bag of bones?"—Ottawa Journal

At the present time the law requires only that a prisoner on release should be given \$10 and transportation to the area in which he was arrested and convicted. But surely it is slight encouragement to finding a better way of life to be turned out into the world, burdened by a prison record, and helped with nothing more than \$10.—Montreal Gazette

The Poets Corner THE HAPPY SEASON Now is the time of joyous heart. Now is the gladsome season. Now Pan the poet plays his part Of ruler over reigns. And now the Sun is midwife To root and tiny seed, Gives virgin birth and life To nurtured flower and weed. Why did the birds In the winter sing? In their darkest days They remembered—Spring. —Bert Foster

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