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

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Atlantic Freight Rates

One of the most important problems facing the Atlantic Provinces at this time is transportation, and it is fitting that at the opening of the Atlantic Premiers' conference at Fredericton yesterday this subject should be emphasized.

The fourfold aspect of the problem today was thus summed up before the Atlantic Premiers by Mr. MacKay.

1. The dependence of the Atlantic Provinces on the Canadian domestic market has become greater as trade and currency restrictions have tended to shrink foreign markets for many of the commodities of our region.

2. In the case of manufactured articles, materials entering into production processes must, in many instances, be brought over long distances and the finished goods sent out again over the same distances.

3. Primary commodities — low-value, bulky goods for the most part — must reach a distant market. Post-war horizontal uniform percentage freight rate increases, applied virtually without consideration for the ability of commodities and the regions to stand them, have borne heavily on such goods.

4. Greater competitive forces in Central Canada have required the railways to lower many of their rates in that region. This process of decreasing transportation charges elsewhere, unaccompanied by similar decreases in the Atlantic Provinces, tends to destroy the advantages which our region was meant to have under the provisions of the Maritime Freight Rates Act.

Mr. MacKay might have gone further and said that it has practically destroyed the Act's advantages, and that we will soon be in a worse position than before unless remedial measures are taken. It is hoped that one result of the Premiers' conference in Fredericton will be to bring this problem forcefully to the attention of Ottawa.

Head-Hunting Republic

Self-determination of peoples is today's prevailing fashion in world politics. Theoretically at any rate, almost any community governed by some central authority outside its own boundaries is entitled to choose the way of independence, if that is where its fancy lies.

In the mountainous region of Northeast India there is a collection of tribes known as the Nagas, 400,000 of them; and they are about as primitive in their way of life as any people could be.

Well, these Nagas are clamouring—and fighting bravely—for independence. Moreover, they claim they have just as much right to self-determination as any other "colonial" people for which Mr. Nehru has shown so much solicitude.

So, if all goes well — for the Nagas, that is—the world may soon see the emergence of the first "Head-Hunting Republic".

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mr. J. Angus MacLean, M.P., has done the Federal Department of Mines and Technical Surveys a service in calling the attention of the Minister to glaring discrepancies in certain maps which are currently in use.

Japanese women are this year celebrating ten years' participation in political life with a wide programme of political education.

In the United States and Canada there is a good deal of opposition to the importation of Japanese textiles, on the ground that they interfere with home industries.

General Nathan Twining, chief of the American Air Force, who has returned from a visit to the Soviet Union, has made a simple appraisal of Soviet air power: greater numerically than that of the Western nations; rapidly catching up in quality.

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POINT OF VIEW

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.

PORCINE PUBLICITY

Sir, A little while back, Observer, who wrote so wisely and so well, commented in your paper on the tourist industry, and speculated that in our tourist literature we should stress, not so much the things we have in common with many others but the things that are distinctively characteristic of the Island, like our red soil, Malpeque oysters, etc.

There is one class of prospective tourists that our Travel Bureau seems to have failed to consider seriously. It is the farmers of North America. Your paper recently reported that this month 125 Ontario farmers will visit the Province.

One of the things the Ontario farmers will be looking forward to seeing is our prize island pigs. Not so long ago you remarked editorially that the hog breeders of this Province have established a record that seems destined to stand for all time to come.

THE PIGS OF P.E.I. They come from every nation From every land and clime. To praise Prince Edward Island pigs.

Prim are Prince Edward's porkers So sleek from head to rump; All are so slim and graceful While other hogs are plump.

Go search the wide world over— Though countries large or big— Here is porcine perfection. Here is the perfect pig.

These porkers need no perfume. No powder for their face; Unlike the girl no girder. To add to nature's grace.

What buyers can resist them. So pleasing to the eye! What Province does not envy them? The pride of P.E.I!

I am, Sir, etc., G. Indian River

GAME MOTIVES

Sir, All of us realize the many give-away programs and games that take place in communities and towns today. As we witness or participate in these different events do any of us ever ask ourselves if such a game is for the community and national life our people.

Floating Naval Bases

By William Courtenay, O.B.E.

LONDON—The Ceylon Prime Minister's declared intention of asking Britain to vacate the naval base at Trincomalee—at the Prime Minister's Conference here this month is raising problems of maintaining naval bases in the atomic war age.

The floating base using the wide seas and oceans as its parish would first have to be located before attacked. Like aircraft carriers they would possess mobility and in this would lie their immunity from attack.

The "fleet train" complete with fuelling, victualling and servicing facilities has been tested from the first NATO combined Naval-Air Exercise "Mainbrace" which I recall attending off Norway in September 1952 when 200 ships of many nations were present.

In these exercises a fleet must prove its ability to remain at sea for many weeks "living off its own fat"; making rendezvous with tankers; proving ability to take aboard oil and stores in heavy seas; maintaining way and course because of submarine risks during these operations; and all of this involves good seamanship.

When the British Pacific Fleet was formed in November 1944 under Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, it conformed to the Fleet Train doctrine.

It was this which became the pattern and experience for the first post-war NATO Exercise off Norway when Royal Canadian Navy, U.S. Navy, Royal Navy and the Navies of France, Holland, Norway and Denmark co-operated to live off the fleet train.

NEW CONCEPT In arctic waters one noticed problems not present at the Pacific; such as the rendezvous in high seas; the coming alongside carrier by tankers re-oil etc.

This "floating base" doctrine now to be examined here by the Prime Ministers' Conference will without doubt be turned into standard doctrine for all our navies. It will necessitate construction of floating repair ships to act as floating dry docks, foundries and factories; and increase in the number of tankers and ancillary ships required.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

CHILD'S DIET IMPORTANT DURING ASTHMATIC ATTACK Bronchial asthma respects neither sex nor age. It strikes both men and women with equal vigor and attacks children as well as adults.

During an acute attack, the youngster should, of course, be placed in bed and propped up on pillows. Sheeting or other dust-proof material should be used to enclose the pillow, mattress, and box spring.

LIQUIDS AND SEMI-SOLIDS should make up most of the diet. Don't give the child any cold foods or any foods that have ever caused him any sensitivity.

OUR YESTERDAYS From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 10, 1931) The ferry steamer, Hillsboro, has returned from Picou where, for the last three weeks, she has been undergoing repairs on the Marine slip.

TEN YEARS AGO (July 10, 1946) Dr. George Douglas Steele, Principal of Prince of Wales College, has been appointed a member of the Board of Governors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

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THE POET'S CORNER YOUNG LAMBS Young lambs upon a chilly morn, Bleating with piercing cries, newborn.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

One of the wonderful things about being Prime Minister of Canada or President of the United States is that doctors will tell you how long you'll be off work, while all the ordinary patient can get out of them is a couple of "Hm-hmms" and an occasional "Well see".

The preliminary report of the census taken in the Republic of Ireland on the night of April 8-9 shows that the population has fallen by 65,771 since 1951. The total population was 2,894,822, the lowest recorded for any census.

The truly droll remark is, alas, all too rare nowadays, so I am happy to report one which was recently let fall in Scotland. Waiting for dinner in his castle, the Duke of—impatiently consulted his watch. It had stopped. Asking one of his guests for the time he complained: "I can't understand it. My man usually winds the thing up before he puts it on me."

A writer of children's books recently expressed opposition to limitations on vocabulary in books for the young readers. Over-simplifying the wording not only deprives young readers of opportunities to learn new words but takes the life and colour out of their reading.

Two more youngsters have met their death in a discarded refrigerator. Most children find pleasure in a hideaway. In all their innocence a refrigerator with a door on it makes an ideal place to hole-up.

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NOTICE The Annual Meeting of the Masonic Temple Company will be held in the office of E. R. Brow & Son, 144 Richmond Street, Charlottetown, on Wednesday the 11th day of July proximo, at 7 o'clock p.m.

J. B. BROW, Secretary Charlottetown, P.E.I., June 28, 1956.

NOTICE SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING The Ratepayers of Parkdale School District No. 70 are hereby notified that a special meeting in said District as authorized by law, will be held in Parkdale Hall, Thursday, July 12th at 8 o'clock in the evening to transact the following business.

To vote money to provide for additional School accommodations. Signed: L. W. SHAW, Deputy Minister of Education.

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