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

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Canada's Northlands

When Governor-General Massey set out for the northern reaches of Canada, the long journey was described as one of exploration and inspection.

That these reports, though unofficial, were not entirely without basis may be inferred from a hint given by the Governor-General himself at the recent meeting of the Canadian Press in Toronto.

This, really, is an anomalous situation, even though it exists between friendly countries and is intended to safeguard the security of both.

Veto Repercussions

President Eisenhower's veto of the Farm Bill with the frank explanation that "I had no choice . . . It was a bad bill," appears to have raised more than it has hurt his political stature in the neighboring republic, including the farm belt.

It's probably just a coincidence with no political significance whatsoever. But it is to be noted that this holding out of the Red Chinese olive branch to Americans occurred just at the time that two Russian leaders were on their way to Britain to tell the people there how much they are loved and respected by all Russians.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Vice-President Nixon may be all set for a second term, but the historical odds are against him. Of the 35 holders of the office, only six served two terms; and, of these six, two served their terms under different presidents.

Agricultural Civil Defence to guard against biological warfare on livestock is advocated by E. E. Ballantyne, director of veterinary services, Alberta Department of Agriculture. He claims that livestock diseases spread by biological warfare could have just as bad an effect as the hydrogen bomb.

even if they wish high supports, will respect the President's integrity in vetoing a bill that was designed to have everything for everybody. It appears from reports from various areas that any political damage the veto might do the Republicans would most likely occur in Kansas, South Dakota, and Minnesota.

Briefly, the controversial bill presented by Congress after several months of wrangling contained two main provisions: the creation of a "soil bank" and a return to 90 per cent "parity" program. The first is a device to pay farmers for taking certain specified acreage out of primary production and thus help to reduce surpluses; the second, stripped of certain technicalities, means higher support prices for such products as wheat and corn.

Love Talk

It's a good while since anything of consequence was heard from Communist China. It is evident, though, that its leaders have no intention of allowing themselves to be crowded off the world stage by Arabs and Israelis.

Among the most controversial and complex national issues with which Canada has struggled ever since 1914, has undoubtedly been the problem of manpower for the armed services and the explosive aspects of compulsory service in wartime.

Today, ten years after the last war, public statements are still being made on the subject by military leaders. General Crerar, former army commander, on his retirement to civil life after the war, bluntly advocated compulsory national service. In Winnipeg next week, as part of a national speaking campaign, Lieutenant-General Guy Simonds will be vigorously crusading for a national manpower plan for service in our armed forces.

OUR YESTERDAYS

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GETTING IDEAS

General Burns On Manpower

R. S. Malone in the Winnipeg Free Press

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

PROVINCIAL MUSEUM

Sir.—There has been a growing feeling in the Province for some time of the need for a Provincial Museum.

The value of a public museum is both cultural and educational. Children should have the opportunity to see tangible evidence of the customs, manners and utensils of their forefathers, as well as curios and relics from other places which every museum acquires through the years.

To that end we are bringing Mr. W. A. Squires, B.A., M.Sc., Secretary and Curator of the New Brunswick Museum at Saint John to address a general meeting of our Historical Society at the Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday the 24th instant at 8 p.m.

Major-General E.L.M. Burns's new book, "Manpower in the Canadian Army", therefore will have wide interest. It provides a detailed and exhaustive study of this difficult and confused issue.

Both Generals are qualified to speak on this matter from the purely professional or service point of view. They are not so qualified to assess, understand or interpret the political factors involved.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Budeson, M. D.

FLEA BITES ARE NO JOKE Keep your dog and cat free of fleas for self-protection.

While fleas are generally mentioned in a jocular fashion, they are no joke to dogs and cats. And they are not the least bit funny when they begin biting humans either.

A flea is a small brown wingless insect about 1-1/8 of an inch long. It has long hind legs and is very flat from side to side. The life span is a few weeks to a few months.

Sunny California, that famed vacation land, generally is conceded to have more fleas than any other state.

These insects are likely to be in a troublemaker in houses, especially basements where there are dogs or cats. They may slip into your clothing or jump around when they are disturbed.

Usually they attack your waist or legs, injecting into your skin a fluid secreted from their salivary glands. Some persons apparently are hypersensitive to this secretion and are bothered by flea bites more than others.

More serious than the bite itself, however, is the fact that fleas can transmit bacterial diseases. The rat flea, for example, transmits plague and possibly typhus and tularemia.

Antiseptics such as D D T provide the best means of controlling the flea problem. You don't have to spray them directly on your pet dog or cat. But spray them into their kennels or favourite sleeping spots.

Just one spraying every two months should keep them free from fleas.

You can also spray your overstuffed chairs, carpets and floors to prevent the fleas from seeking refuge there.

As for repellents, you can try camphor, pyrethrum, oil of citronella or petroleum and camphor. There are various soothing lotions, too, such as those containing phenol, menthol and camphor.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

M. J.: Is vitamin B-12 of help in treating osteoarthritis? The answer is that it has been shown that Vitamin B-12 in large doses does help certain cases of osteoarthritis when properly used.

The Poets Corner

THE NAME'S SAKE

They came to find a new world, since the old was bearable no longer. When they thought of England, it was sudden hoofbeats storming Down Scrooby lanes, doors burst in safety bought.

Only through spying, treachery, informing, Prison and persecution for the bold.

But wild northeasters made them see again Snug Kentish halls and Yule logs' ruddy fires; Clearing dense forests, they could not forget Green gardens in the well-beloved shires.

They put the homesick names like Somerset, Surrey, on alien mountain and on plain.

And when droughts came, famine threatened them, Or smoke on the horizon told of savage Murder, they fixed their hearts upon a still Promised land neither want nor foe should ravage.

Stained their belief on rude town, wooded hill, With Canaan, Bethany, Jerusalem — Florence A. Jacobs, in the New York Herald-Tribune.

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One way to find out if the backyard is drying up is to turn a four-year-old, clad in woolly snowsuit, loose. — Slad Observer.

All languages have their spelling and pronouncing miseries. Only ancient languages can be made perfect but nobody uses them. The object lesson here is that we may reform our English spelling today and find all out of kilter again in 100 years — because living languages insist on changing. — Vancouver Sun

Something new has made its appearance in the development of northern Canada. Dog teams have been pressed into service to haul iron ore from the Oceanic Iron Ore Company of Canada Ltd. property on Ungava Bay to Payne River, 16 miles distant. The ore is being transported for purposes of testing. This experimental operation, employing 120 h...ky dogs and 20 Eskimos, could result in the use of regular dog teams in northern mining development. — Saint John Telegraph-Journal

Four London policemen who now "punch typewriters with two fingers" as Chief Knight says, will be replaced by three girls and a male clerk. The officers will revert to the customary duties of a constable on active service. The reason is that the department is now five weeks behind in issuing summonses for parking violations. The success of any organization is to have the right man or woman on the right job. Girls should be better than the two-fingered officers, and in turn, the gentlemen should be more efficient in pulling, or sleuthing, or preventing crime. — London Free Press

The man of the house will keep to his easy chair, if he knows what's good for him, and if his wife wishes to preserve him. Insurance statistics show about twice as many men as women fatally hurt in household mishaps. Nor can do-it-yourself antics be blamed. This thing has been going on for twenty years now. All we can make out of it is that too many men try to get around the house without knowledge of what floor has been newly waxed, which hassock has been moved across the room or where Junior is most likely to leave his roller skates. When you get home at night, men, stay put. Your lives are at stake. — Detroit Free Press

About the only thing not affected by inflation these days is the individual's sense of financial obligation to church and charity. — Belleville Intelligencer.

The exiled Archbishop Makarios spends a lot of his time singing with his exiled compatriots under a shade tree on the Seychelles Islands to which he was removed. If he had taken up singing earlier it would have been better for Cyprus and the Cypriotes. — Ottawa Journal

Ottawa is going to build a village for the Eskimos who are employed around the Air Force base at Frobisher Bay on Baffin Island. Ottawa explains that the Eskimos now live in tents in Summer and igloos in Winter. We can't help wondering if the Eskimos might not remain a lot healthier in their traditional habitations. After all generations of Eskimos wintered in igloos long before Ottawa came along with its prefabs. — Vancouver Province

There is a lot to be said for the erection here of a replica of old Fort Whooop-Up. It represents an era, the era of the trader, who despite his sins, played a role in those stirring days leading to the coming of white man's civilization to these parts. In British Columbia the minister of trade has been urging a \$10,000 grant a year to bring back to life the famous old ghost town of Barkerville. He wants to make the one-time "gold capital of the world" a tourist attraction and it is a smart idea. Believe it or not Barkerville, it is believed, once had a population greater than that of San Francisco. That was when the roaring wild-west town was booming, the lusty days of the Cariboo Trail. — Lethbridge Herald

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