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

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What's Wrong With "Royal"?

In itself, the refusal of the C. P. R. management to prefix the word "Royal" to one of its new trains is, perhaps, a small matter.

Mr. St. Laurent's use of the word "nonsense" in describing rumours that the Government of Canada does not like the word "Royal" will satisfy some and displease a great many others.

A well established rule of logic—from which not even Prime Ministers are exempt—is that the successful refutation of an argument, however puerile that argument may appear to its opponents, requires something more substantial than a mere exclamation of ridicule.

On the face of it, it seems hardly credible that there should be any vestige of anti-monarchical sentiment in Canadian Government circles.

Economic Council Objectives

Opening of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council's central office in Moncton, notes the Moncton Transcript, crystallizes the plan evolved by the Maritime Provinces Board of Trade and the four provincial governments to achieve greater unity in eastern Canada.

In the past, says the Transcript, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island have been displaying intermittent bursts of energy as separate entities and achieving little.

The Transcript recalls that an economic survey of Nova Scotia completed recently decried the lack of power in that province, and indicated that Nova Scotia should seek to establish industries in which power was not an important factor.

and that other fuels used for power, such as natural gas pipe-lined from western Canada to the central provinces, stand a good chance of receiving federal government aid.

An alternative, however, has been suggested in the use of residual oil, which can be obtained at an extremely low price.

A Disturbing Fact

The statement made by Prime Minister Churchill, and supported by President Eisenhower, to the effect that the West at this moment has the lead over the Soviet bloc in both the quantity and quality of nuclear weapons represents at least one bit of brightness in an otherwise cloudy picture.

One very disturbing fact is that this superiority, such as it is, extends only to nuclear weapons. President Eisenhower has made no secret of his belief, partly confirmed by published figures from reliable sources, that in conventional weapons the Soviet bloc has a definite advantage.

In that event, what would the Western powers do? Would they be likely to take the initiative in and responsibility for atomic fury? That question has never been answered by any free world statesman; nor is it likely to be until the hour of decision arrives, if it ever does.

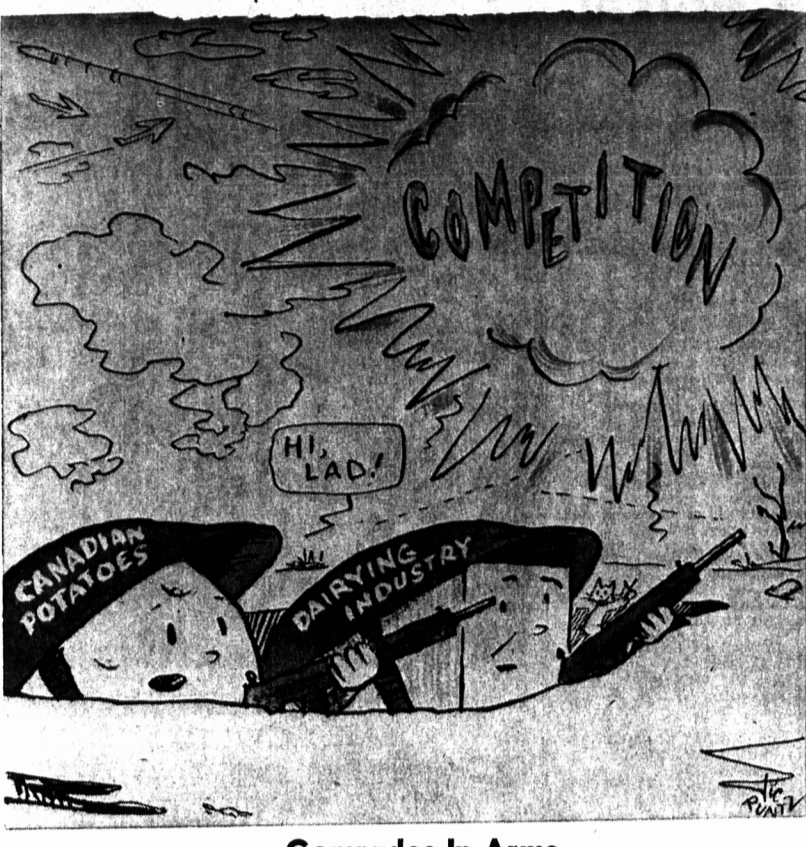
EDITORIAL NOTES

Even Mohammedanism is not as rigid as it is used to be. At least, that is the inference contained in a report from Toledo, Ohio, where a mosque—the 1st in the States, the 9th in the country—was opened recently.

Whether or not it has any political significance is a matter for diplomatic research; but for the first time in more than twenty years a Shakespearean play—Hamlet—has been staged in Moscow's principal theatre.

The citizens of the little village of Tannas in Sweden are probably glad now that one of their townsmen, Olof Hanson, emigrated to British Columbia as a young man. At any rate, Mr. Hanson died a couple of years ago and left upwards of a half-million dollars to be used in his birthplace for charitable purposes.

A park outside Cardiff, in Wales, houses a strange kind of outdoor museum. Known as the "Welsh National Museum of Popular Art," it comprises a collection of barns, cottages, old workshops, farms dating back four centuries, a Non-Conformist chapel, the ruins of a mediaeval fortress and many other ancient dwellings.



Comrades-in-Arms

France's New Premier

By Harvey Hudson, Associated Press, Paris

Edgar Faure and Pierre Mendès-France, the new and old premiers of France, were university friends who arrived at the same goal by different routes.

Public Forum

SHAKESPEAREAN REVIVAL

Sir, — Next week's full-length production of "Romeo and Juliet" by the St. Dunstan's University Dramatic Society, and last week's Little Theatre "Scenes from Shakespeare" suggest something of a Shakespearean revival in Charlottetown.

QUICK OF WIT

Faure is a quick-witted little man whose lips always seem ready to burst into a smile. His brown hair has moved well back from his forehead. Heavy amber-rimmed glasses cover his myopic eyes.

Helen Keller's Achievement

The most remarkable thing about Helen Keller, the 74-year-old American lady who has been both blind and deaf since infancy, is that she has overcome this isolation to an extraordinary extent.

The Age Old Story

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. . . . They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

COMIC WAR STARTS

LONDON (Reuters) — The government took its first legislative step Thursday to outlaw "horror comics" in Britain. The government announced to the House of Commons that it will present a bill, expected to be published next week, to prevent the dissemination of certain pictorial publications harmful to children.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Field Marshal Montgomery warns against the danger of "war by miscalculation." An effective disarmament program, carried out under adequate supervision, could avert the danger, which faces East and West alike. — Ottawa Citizen.

What is a college education worth in money? Here are estimates: Cost about \$1,500 a year; that much outlay by a student. There are additional expenditures by the institution, of course for educational is subsidized. The lifetime earnings of a college graduate average \$28,000; the lifetime earnings of a high school graduate, \$16,000.

Our weather surprised visitors from other regions of the Dominion who came to Sydney this week for the School Boys' Curling Bonspiel. Those from the Pacific Coast, with a reputation of having the mildest winter climate in Canada, were most surprised of all.

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The Poet's Corner

THIS LOVELY MIRACLE

On this magnetic ground All things go round and round The circle has been wrought Infallible for all.

—Eric Barker in the Montreal Gazette.

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