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

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Memorable Occasion

It was a signal tribute which the Canadian Medical Association paid yesterday to our Dr. Roderick J. MacDonald, of St. Peter's, now in his 101st year, in honouring him for his lifetime of service in the healing art. The executive members came to Charlottetown especially for this purpose, prior to the annual meeting of the Association which takes place in Halifax next week. It was a unique event for all concerned.

Few can ever hope to match the outstanding record which Dr. "Roddie" has achieved; but all who participated in yesterday's happy function—and they included leading members of the profession from all parts of Canada—must have been inspired by the presence of their venerable guest. For he is one whom "age has not withered, nor custom staled", as all who have been in contact with his invigorating personality can testify. His many thousands of friends at home and abroad will rejoice with him on this occasion, and with his colleagues who have indeed honoured themselves in journeying here to pay their respects.

Air Force Day

Air Force Day observance at the R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside, has become an annual event of great value and interest. The Station is the home of the Maritime Operational Training Unit, where men who fly the aircraft of Maritime Air Command are formed into efficient fighting crews. It is among the best equipped stations in the British Commonwealth, and its reputation is second to none for the highly specialized training it provides.

An open invitation has been extended by Group Captain Swetman for today's Air Force Day activities, and there will doubtless be a very large attendance. The Commanding Officer expresses the hope that all who attend will find their visit "pleasant, interesting and informative." There is no question but that this will prove to be the case. Moreover, it is important that all our citizens know something at first hand of the vital defense role which our Air Force is playing in this troubled age.

Important Trade Talks

The public will be told only in general terms of what took place in the informal talks between Prime Ministers Macmillan and Diefenbaker. It is possible, however, to detect in certain reports which have come from Ottawa a slight—but friendly—difference of opinion regarding which subjects should be given top priority.

It seems that Mr. Macmillan, while not wishing to throw cold water on a general discussion of affairs—which is said to have been on the top of Mr. Diefenbaker's list—was more anxious to give precedence to trade relations between Canada and the United Kingdom. One report—probably an accurate one—had it that the British leader wanted to find out at first hand exactly what Mr. Diefenbaker "had in mind" when he talked about the need for improved Commonwealth trade and, especially, the desirability of diverting a certain amount of trade from the United States to the United Kingdom. Mr. Diefenbaker is said to feel that these subjects might better be left for the Commonwealth conference later this year.

However much reliability can be placed on these reports, it does appear that the Canadian Government's interest in diverting a certain volume of imports from the United States to the United Kingdom has waned slightly in recent months. It may be that the objective seems more difficult now that Mr. Diefenbaker is safely in power than it did when he was in opposition. It can be accepted as true, however, that this matter of increasing trade with the United Kingdom, even if imports from the United States have to be curtailed, played a part in the victory won by the Conservatives on March 31. The sentiment is still strong. Indeed, there is considerable interest in the possibility of free trade between the two countries. This may not be possi-

ble or even desirable at present, from the Canadian standpoint; but certainly Mr. Diefenbaker would have public opinion behind him in any effort he can make to strengthen the bonds of trade with the United Kingdom.

Water Safety Week

Last year more than 1,000 people drowned in Canada. That is not a very proud record for any nation. Those men, women and children lost their lives in many cases simply because they neglected to observe elementary rules of water safety. Every year the Canadian Red Cross reminds us of those rules and at first glance they seem so obvious and self-evident that we wonder why the Red Cross keeps issuing this material. That is the thought until we look at the record and compare a few statistics.

This year the Canadian Red Cross Society is asking us to draw the attention of readers to National Water Safety Week, June 15-21. This we are happy to do, and it is hoped that our words of warning may awaken some thought and save lives in this community.

It will take more than a water safety week to cut down our annual drowning toll but a mutual effort may produce results. Every citizen has a responsibility in this problem of swimming and boating accidents. We have a responsibility for our children, the passengers in our boats and those who use our rivers, streams and harbors for healthful recreation.

New Surgical Method

Canadian specialists, too, contribute their share to the development of new medical techniques. A report from Ottawa states that "a revolutionary surgical instrument—one that may help surgeons save lives and limbs—has been developed by a brilliant team of Canadian surgeons and engineers."

The new technique is designed for reuniting severed blood vessels—veins and arteries. The principle is similar to that of an office stapling machine. Tiny staples made of tantalum metal replace silk sutures sewn with needle and thread. It is claimed that the new instrument reduces operating time to a fraction of that required by older methods.

The idea is credited to Dr. I.J. Vogelfanger who thought it up when he was practicing medicine in Europe—probably in Germany. When he settled in Canada a few years ago he was joined by Dr. W.G. Beattie of Ottawa and together they presented the idea to the National Research Council for development. The device is now being patented by Canadian Patents and Development Ltd. on behalf of Drs. Vogelfanger and Beattie.

So far, the method is still in the experimental stage. But it has been successfully tested on pigs; and it is expected to come into general use soon.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The first newsprint mill in Mexico was opened a few days ago. It is expected to turn out about 30,000 tons a year, about half of the country's needs. At present, most of the newsprint comes from Canada and the United States.

Anti-Semitism is still present in West Germany; it seems. Recently, a schoolmaster was given a suspended sentence for saying during an argument in a barber shop that "it's a pity that not all the Jews were gassed".

Senator George H. Barbour has urged construction of another ship to operate on the Borden-Tormentine run. He should be joined by other spokesmen for the Province. No matter what the results of the causeway survey may show, the present service needs to be improved.

It is reported that the Unemployment Insurance Fund at the end of April was down by more than \$200,000,000 from the peak of \$926,000,000 which was reached at the end of December 1956. The extension of the time during which benefits are payable this year was the main cause of the decline.

Ever hear of a parameter? Professor Edwin Hewitt of the University of Washington defines it this way: "A parameter is a point of the domain of a mapping, this domain frequently being an interval on the real line, and the range of the domain being a subset of Euclidian space of several dimensions or even of Hilbert space (indefinite-dimensional Euclidian space)". It's amazing how clear these scientific terms are, once they're explained!



OTTAWA CIRCUS

Ottawa's Men Of Discretion

"E.N." in The Winnipeg Free Press

The trimly erect RCMP constables who guard the entrances to the Parliament Building are seen, in the flesh or in photographs, more often than anyone else in Canada. But besides being decorative, they form the outer screen of a complex protective network that extends to every part of the capital's hub.

The Mounties guard the outside. A small army of blue uniformed men operate inside. Many tourists never suspect that the friendly "guide" who greets them in the rotunda and offers to take them on a tour of the building is really a policeman—a member of the House of Commons Protective Staff.

Guiding visitors who during the session arrive at the rate of about 30,000 a week is one of the Protective Staff's first duties. It is an important public relations job and the policemen-cum-guides do it impressively well.

Running commentary. As the guide shepherds his tourists from carving to statue he keeps up a continuous commentary: "This is the Nurses' Memorial erected by the nurses of Canada in memory of their sisters who died in the Great War of 1914-1918. It represents... 'He does

it to perfection. It's extremely important that the description be as repeating for perhaps the five-hundredth time doesn't sound as if it bores him. Keeping an eye on every member of a large party and sounding meanwhile as though he's showing off a prized possession for the first time is no small accomplishment.

This session has posed particular problems for the Protective Staff. The one unpardonable sin a PS officer must never commit is to fail to recognize a Member of Parliament. If at all possible, he must address him by name. Since there are over a hundred new MPs this session even the best trained memory may slip.

Since senators are appointed for life, this happily is no problem to the Senate Protective Staff. To help their memory work, the Staff has worked out a system. As soon as one member meets a new MP he makes a complete inventory of his appearance and any distinguishing features. This information is immediately dispatched to every other Staff member in the building. The newly-elected MP from a

remote riding doesn't understand how an officer he's never seen recognizes him, but he's immensely pleased anyway. It's conclusive proof of his new importance. The Staff seldom gets a chance to do any dramatic police work—it is usually occupied with such relatively simple tasks as maintaining reasonable quiet and keeping people from dropping good luck' coins from the tower balconies. QUICK IN EMERGENCY. When a situation arises, however, it is well able to cope with it. A few years ago an irate delegation planned to read from the public gallery a petition to the Prime Minister. The Protective Staff somehow discovered the plot and quietly ushered the would-be petitioners out before they could create any real disturbance.

THE ACADIANS OF P.E.I.

Visit To East Point

By J. Henri Blanchard, L.L.D.

(Thomas Pichon's account of Isle St. Jean in 1732, continued from yesterday's Guardian)

"We set out from the harbour of Fortune, directing our course towards the East point; and after doubling the point of Mathieu, we proceeded somewhat to the offward of the harbour of De la Souris. The latter runs northwards about a league and a half into the country, and extends towards the eastward. The entrance is a practicable one for small boats of the burden of three or four cords of wood.

"From thence we proceeded to two small creeks, distant from each other about a league and a half; one of these runs west and the other northwest; you cannot either in a shallow or in a canoe. There is very little grass upon this spot; but rising grounds seem to be very proper for cultivation. They are covered with all sorts of trees proper for building.

AT SOUTH LAKE. "Within two leagues of these small harbours, we came to that of L'Escoussier (South Lake), the entrance of which seems to be north and south. It is of middling breadth and divides itself into two branches, which run east and west. The entrance of that to the right is a league in length, and a quarter in breadth, that to the left is three quarters of a league. This harbour is capable only of receiving small boats, but its banks are adorned with beautiful meadows. It was formerly no more than a creek, but the winds and high tides have raised the downs which part it from the sea.

After coasting for about two leagues, we doubled the East Point, which we found deserted, because a fire had obliged the inhabitants to abandon it in order to go and settle two leagues further on the North side. The place they have taken shelter at, is a great deal more convenient than that from which they were burnt out. They may clear a good deal of land, which they have already begun to do, as far as their excessive poverty occasioned by this incident, will permit them. Their number is two and twenty in all. A DEMONSTRATION. "We continued our course for six leagues, till we arrived at Pool Naufrage. The coast though very level, presents the eye with nothing but a country laid waste by fire. Further on it is covered with beech trees. We met with but one inhabitant, who told

us that the lands about the pool are exceeding good and easy to cultivate; and that everything grows there in great plenty.

"Of this he gave us a demonstration, which afforded us a singular pleasure; this was a small quantity of wheat which he had sown that year, and indeed nothing could be more beautiful than the ears, which were larger, longer and fuller than any I have seen in Europe.

"This place took the name of Pool du Naufrage, from a French ship that had been cast away upon the coast. The vessel was lost out at sea, but a few passengers saved themselves upon the wreck, and were the first that settled at the harbour of St. Peter's. The pool runs a quarter of a league southwest into the country. Its breadth at the further extremity, may be about the reach of a four pounder. It receives a large rivulet, which derives its course from two springs, distant two leagues and a half west-south-west up the country. This rivulet is capable of supplying a sufficiency of water almost in all weathers, even in spite of

the frost, by means of several mills constructed for that purpose. ABUNDANCE OF GAME. The coast, from the harbour of Fortune to that of St. Peter's, where we arrived the fourteenth of August, after cruising six leagues from the time we left the pool, swarms with all sorts of game, and with variety of the very best fish. This abundance was a great relief to the poor wretches who were shipwrecked on that coast, as I have already observed; but Heaven did not pity them by halves; for the savages; at that time the only inhabitants of that place, became civilized for their sake, and helped them to settle and maintain themselves on the Island. They even gave them a share of their game, which, at that time, consisted chiefly in otters and musk rats."

PLAN NEW WING

NEW CASTLE (CP)—At the regular monthly meeting of the board of trustees of the Mirachi Hospital the board decided to go ahead with construction of a new wing to the hospital. The finance committee was authorized to proceed immediately with the plans and tenders will be called as soon as possible. It is hoped the new wing will be completed before fall.

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Wednesday, June 18—9:30—10:00—Winsloe
10:30—11:00—West Royalty
Department of Health

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(June 14, 1933)

A motorcyclist, Mr. Robert Gay, sustained painful injuries last evening when his machine turned over after striking a bump on the Malpeque Road near the pumping station. The young man was rushed to the P. E. I. Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from severe injuries to his left shoulder and left leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Lowther, North Carleton left Saturday by car en route to Western Canada and the United States to visit relatives. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. Verner Moore, of Westmoreland, who are going to Regina.

TEN YEARS AGO

(June 14, 1948)

Though the conversion of the basement of the Market Building into a terminal for the I. M. T. was not discussed at last night's regular meeting of the City Council, a resolution was passed appointing Messrs J. E. Harris and E. S. Blanchard, architects, "to make plans and specifications" for that purpose and to "call for tenders for the necessary conversion."

In response to a request from the Summerside Curling Rink, a resolution was passed at the regular monthly meeting of the Summerside Town Council last night that a permit be granted without cost to build a new curling rink on the property west of the Court House.

MAXIMS

The greatest mistake you can make is to be continually fearing that you'll make one.

NORAD Simply Explained

By Dave McIntosh
Canadian Press Staff Writer

There is really nothing very mysterious about North American Air Defence Command (NORAD).

It is just that the government has given it an aura of mystery by being, for some reason or other, unable to explain it adequately in the Commons.

Actually, Defence Minister Pearkes in the Commons estimates committee on Tuesday gave the concise and exact definition: NORAD is a planning group preparing long-range plans for the air defence of North America.

Unfortunately, Mr. Pearkes, Prime Minister Diefenbaker and other government spokesmen have been unable to put across in the Commons this simple explanation.

Of course, the opposition hasn't helped matters much. It has worried at every point raised, no matter how trifling.

RCAP ANNOYED. Since last October, many thousands of words have been put on the Commons record concerning NORAD. They might as well have been left unsaid for all the clarification they have offered. Any RCAP officer even remotely connected with NORAD can give you a lucid explanation of its functions in just 90 seconds.

That's why some RCAP officers are becoming more and more annoyed with the government. They contend, privately of course, that government spokesmen have by this time so befogged the issue that it will never be satisfactorily untangled.

Here is their brief discourse on the subject:

NORAD was established because North American air defence required joint Canada-U.S. planning. NORAD has drawn up a plan for air defence which is constantly being refined in accordance with the latest intelligence reports and availability of the new weapons and equipment.

DEFENCE ONLY. This plan is for defence only, to be used to repel any invaders

NOTES BY THE WAY

One by one, our ancient freedoms are taken from us. Now New York state has a law against dangling baby shoes from the rear - vision mirror—Winnipeg Tribune

Business experts claim a smooth brow is needed to wear the new women's hats. And wives would be appreciative if husbands would follow suit when receiving the bills.—Port Arthur News Chronicle

Because car designs are made final 18 months ahead, the 1959 models due this fall will not reflect the signs of a growing public taste for more simplicity, but will be even longer, wider and flashier than before. There's no automatic shift into reverse on design.—Brantford Expositor.

Vice-President Nixon should also tell the president and Mr. Dulles, if he has not already done so, that pinning medals on bloody dictators and sending them congratulatory messages is a poor way to make friends for the United States in Latin America.—Chicago Daily News

South America will await another good visit from the United States for a long while. For our part we believe Mr. Nixon's projected visit to Europe should be called off. Moscow, we may be sure will promote demonstrations engaging the police and perhaps troops in the capitals in question. If serious harm befell the vice-president, if he were done to death, the consequences could be as calamitous as the assassination of the Hapsburg Archduke in Sarajevo.—Cincinnati Enquirer

Driving in a station wagon on a warm day with the back open may help to create that pleasant "convertible" atmosphere. But, warns the Ontario Safety League, it may also help to create a vacuum that can suck into the car carbon monoxide and other gases being discharged through the exhaust.—Safety League Bulletin

Two geographical questions that are now merely academic but which may sometime enter the field of practical politics are Who owns the North Pole? and Who owns outer space? By right of Peary's expedition in 1909, the United States might assert a valid claim to the Pole. On the other hand, Russia, with more Arctic territory than any other nation, might say that particular point fell within her sphere of influence. By effective occupation of much of the Arctic, Canada has a good claim.—The Printed Word

Green makes time pass more quickly. Yellow is relaxing. Pink creates an impression of heat. The dockers of a big port complained of the excessive weight of the dark grey cases they transported. The cases were then painted green. Whereupon the workmen immediately thought them much lighter. And so on. One might give any number of examples of this kind—which is exactly what was done by the specialists who recently met at a "color congress" in Toulouse.—Word Veteran



ROAD BY A RIVER

A road that follows rivers has to learn
The skill of going round instead of through.
It needs the childlike love for something new
That prizes more a bend, a hidden turn.
A curve of meadow rich in rose and fern
Than any crow-line way of getting to
Some final place. A road that makes ado
Of time and speed lacks water's first concern:
A deep respect for variables of land.
For stubborn cliffs denying a wind and foam.
For trees that group into a leafy stand,
For barren lowlands needing silted loam.
A river road goes where the stream has planned,
Certain at length to find a good way home.
Frances Hall,
in the Christian Science Monitor

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