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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew" "The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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Lawyers And Law

"Loose talk" about the profession of law, either by the general public or by lawyers was roundly condemned by the guest speaker at a dinner of the Council of the Canadian Bar Association in Halifax recently.

The principle is a fundamental one, although like most others it does not bear being carried to its logical extreme but it does not follow that lawyers and the legal profession must always be spoken of in terms of deepest respect.

The fact is that although the public may cast aspersions on the profession in general or make fun of its idiosyncrasies, the average man has the utmost respect for and confidence in his own legal adviser.

It is traditional to poke fun at lawyers in the abstract and rely upon them in hard reality. Few members of the profession would have it otherwise.

Historical Lesson

It has been said that "power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." It is also true that power that has been achieved by tyrannous use of might has a habit of throwing its possessor into ignominious destruction.

Alexander, called "the great", after subduing the greater part of the world to his will, sighed that there were no more worlds to conquer.

It may be true, after all, in the physical sense as well as in the spiritual sense, that "he who taketh the sword (unjustly) shall perish by the sword."

No Immediate Worry

Ever since man first began to ponder on the composition and nature of the world in which he found himself he has been speculating on whether or not it will some day disappear in the throes of utter and complete destruction.

Theoretically, a comet could put an end to the world in a matter of seconds; but the odds against it, according to figures recently released, are something more than 400 million to 1.

since no star explodes more than once; at least that is what the astronomers say. The only thing that seems certain is that the earth's temperature is rising; if that keeps up it will mean catastrophe eventually, but not for another 2 billion years.

So, taking one thing with another, sudden destruction of the world is not an immediate worry; unless, of course, men in one section of the planet should decide to hasten matters by starting to throw A and H bombs at their neighbours across the way.

Landlocked Northwest

In landlocked northwestern British Columbia and the Yukon, says the Ottawa Citizen, big developments in prospect or already started give promise of an economic boom, and outlets to the sea will have to be found by one means or another.

The solution proposed by the B. C. and Yukon Chamber of Mines is corridors through the Panhandle to the heads of major inlets. It is being discussed in the press of B. C. and Alaska.

But a corridor a dozen miles long would give Canada a deep-water port for the Taku River Valley, where a great power dam and an industrial town at Tulesquah are planned.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There does not seem to be any lack of good will for community planning in Charlottetown and surrounding municipalities. It does, however, require many hard decisions and agreement on overall objectives.

One trouble with starting a revolution is that it may be difficult to stop when you are at the top.

The Hague assembly of the press, like many international gatherings, produced a certain amount of confusion. A Greek delegate was seen wearing his badge upside down.

"World Government will not be built from the top downwards," predicts Lord Layton speaking on the BBC. "It will grow from the national state upwards through the intermediate stage of regional agreements."

Sir Harry MacLennan Lauder, Scottish comedian and singer, died this date 1950. Churchill in referring to him on a Canadian visit preferred to use the word minstrel.

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.

DISCUSSION MEETINGS

Sir.—May I through your Public Forum column extend an invitation to any interested citizen to attend a study group being formed for the purpose of examining and discussing the findings of the Matthews Survey Report.

Some years ago it became evident that Charlottetown's school system must expand in some way. As there was disagreement among our citizens as to the form this expansion should take, professional advice was sought.

In order to reap all benefits possible from such a survey it seems that at this point it would be valuable to have a group of interested citizens meeting together, when the findings of the Report might be examined, opinions compared, and if possible, some problems resolved.

A group for this purpose plans to meet each Tuesday evening throughout the month of March. I am, Sir, etc. DOROTHY M. LANTZ, Member Ch'town School Bd.

"Anything-Anywhere"

(Time Magazine)

Carl Frederick Burke was 29 years old, a World War II ferry pilot, when he decided to launch a business career in Prince Edward Island, Canada's smallest province. Besides his youthful optimism, Burke started M.C.A. with some \$5,000 capital and an improbable dream of organizing his own airline.

M.C.A. owed its first success to the fact that the major airlines had never considered little Prince Edward Island a profitable source of traffic. Burke started M.C.A. with one De Havilland Rapide plane, running a feeder service from the island capital of Charlottetown (pop. 16,000) to Trans-Canada's base at Moncton, N.B.

Today, with a fleet of nine DC-3s, M.C.A. serves a network of eight Maritime cities, with two or three daily flights on each run. The company can also boast that it has pioneered a modest inter-continental service between the mainland and the French-owned islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, off the Newfoundland coast.

After World War II, when northern development was stepped up and U.S. and Canadian defense projects got under way in the eastern Arctic, M.C.A. began to expand its charter freight service. M.C.A.'s Island headquarters made an ideal jumping-off point for freight shipments to northern bases, and its fleet of Canadian Beavers, Canos Amphibians and Bristol 170 freighter transported a healthy share of the construction material, personnel and supplies for the U.S.-Canadian radar fence and other defense work in Newfoundland, Labrador and the eastern Arctic.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

"At a meeting held at the Commercial Inn on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., for the purpose of establishing a Benevolent Society, to be composed of natives of the Island, and residents of not less than fourteen years standing, without distinction of country, Donald Macdonald, Esq., High Sheriff, having been called to the chair, certain rules, etc., were submitted to the meeting and adopted. The chairman was then elected. President of the Society, and Mr. Charles Desbrisay, Secretary, for the ensuing three months. When it was resolved, That the Society do meet at the same place on the first Tuesday in the months of November, December and January next, that an opportunity may be afforded to those who are favourable to the institution to come forward and enroll their names, whereby the institution may speedily be placed on a permanent basis."

Royal Gazette, Oct. 18, 1836.

Metal Surgery

(BBC Weekly Talks Summary)

Machinery cannot be mended as easily and quickly as a pair of socks but it can be done much more quickly than of old because of a new Canadian process called Metallock. Olga Illner, the BBC's economic correspondent, described this in a talk in the European Service and cited the case of the S. S. "Esperance Bay" which, carrying a valuable cargo of pork, lay last summer in Rotterdam Harbour. Her refrigerating plant had broken down because cracks had developed in the condenser and if they could not be repaired within two days the whole cargo would go bad. No ordinary repairs could be done so quickly and then someone mentioned Metallock, the new process developed in the British Commonwealth. That night the operators arrived with their special tools and within two days the refrigerator was back in service. Soon after this a Swedish mill was in difficulties.

A new electric furnace had been built, a production line set and the result of the production already sold to a number of firms. A power station to feed the furnace had been built and during installation one of the turbines developed cracks more than twelve inches long. Delivery time for a new turbine housing was four months. Metallock was called in and finished the job in ten days. "These are just two examples to illustrate the amazing efficiency of this new time and money saving metal stitching method," said Miss Illner.

The essence of the new process is that metal can be repaired without heat or dismantling the machinery. The idea was originally developed by a Canadian engineer, Lawrence B. Scott. He used his spare time in trying to find a cold process of repair that would be as efficient and as durable as hot welding. One night at home he was taking woodwork

freighting machinery to new mining projects, shutting prospectors and construction workers in and out, flying mercy missions to new settlements in the wilderness. Adhering to their slogan, "Anything is possible", M.C.A. pilots land regularly on isolated Arctic lakes, on snowfields and ice floes, sometimes ranging as far as 1,200 miles north of their Charlottetown base. But Managing Director Burke is careful to stress that his airline is no bush operation; all M.C.A. planes have the latest navigational equipment and its 50 pilots are qualified airline skipper with Class One instrument ratings. Burke's claim is supported by statistics in his annual report: in 3,000 miles of flying last year, the company had not a single accident.

The Poet's Corner

LIFE LAUGHS ONWARD

Rambling I looked for an old abode Where, years back, one had lived I knew; Its site a dwelling duly showed, But it was new.

I went there, not so long ago. The sod had given two breasts asunder; Daisies threw gaily there, as though No grave were under.

I walked along a terrace where Loud children gambolled in the sun. The figure that had once sat there Was missed by none.

Life laughed and moved on unobdured. I saw that Old succumbed to Young; 'Twas well, My too regretful mood Died on my tongue.

—Thomas Hardy.

out of some old furniture and was fascinated by the corrugated wooden nails that, when forced in, secured the joints of a box. That was at ten o'clock at night. When light dawned Scott was still sitting with the box in front of him and crumpled paper all round him. He had found a way of doing to metal what 'wiggie' nails did to wood," said Miss Illner. Briefly his method is to clamp together the pieces of cracked metal into their original position. Holes are then drilled on either side of the crack and the metal between them scooped out. Strips of corrugated metal of the same shape are then laid above the grooves and driven into place with a pneumatic hammer which locks them into the metal. With their help any required strength can be restored to cracked metal.

When Scott invented his process he did not realise its enormous possibilities. It was left to another Canadian, Major Peckham, to make it into the adventurous enterprise it is today. With patent rights for the whole world, he went to Canada and the United States, he went to London to build up a repair service to circle the globe. He ran into a barrier of patient waiting and working his chance came at an engine cylinder of a gas tank. He made the best of his opportunity, gathered together a small party of sceptics who had disbelieved him and in their presence got down to the job with two operators. The ship was able to sail on time and now, nearly eight years later, the mended cylinder is still operating safely. Out of this first repair came many things. The sceptics were convinced, the third engineer of the tanker was so impressed by what he had seen that he had asked to become a Metallock operator and is now chief of the British technical team, and finally Major Peckham formulated the firm's rigid policy of immediate service. "Obviously it is not always practical or economic to provide this immediate service from London. So Peckham is gradually building up a team of Metallock operators in other countries. But London remains the centre of what is now fast becoming a worldwide service of metal surgery," said Olga Illner.

The Age Old Story

And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The restorer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

Notes By The Way

The reason a dog has so many friends, we have read, is that his tail wags instead of his tongue.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

Sometimes we think the Russians and the Allies enjoy disagreeing with each other.—Lethbridge Herald.

"It would seem that too many people itch for what they want without scratching for it."—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

If it weren't for the fashion experts changing things every few years where would the family album get its comic relief?—Brandon Sun.

The only judgment in favor of making adulthood legally start at 18 instead of 21 years is that any chap of 18 knows more than his granddad did at 81.—St. Catharines Standard.

UN statistical bulletin reports that Japan's industrial output is showing fastest growth in non-Communist world. In second and third quarters of 1953, Japanese production was 20 and 23 per cent higher, respectively, than in same periods of 1952. U. S. increase was 15 and 10, German 10 and 10, Canadian 10 and 6.—The Letter Review, Fort Erie.

"Of a truth," said Carlyle, "men are mystically united; a mysterious bond of brotherhood makes all men one." Yet it is this goal, this vision, this dream that in the harsh avenues of life seems to elude us; it is the elixir that so often leaves nothing but disillusionment, our instincts generally lead to intolerance. Only a hypocrite denies such instincts in himself, and hypocrites are the first enemies of tolerance. The sincere person concedes such feelings and fights them. Those who are "different" are inevitable targets of prejudice. It is notorious among children, young and old. But to turn on an individual simply because he is of another colour, or another race, or another religion, is an abominable affront to the spirit of brotherhood.—Editorial for young people, Hamilton Spectator.

We could not all be pretty girls, even if we wanted to, but we all have, from time to time, to face ordeal by camera. It is made the worse nowadays by the well-meaning but forlorn attempts of the photographers to persuade us to shake off self-consciousness. An amateur can as soon broadcast in his natural voice as sit nonchalantly by even for a passport photograph. Vanity—or, to put it in a more tactful way, desire to please—plays surprising tricks with the normal look of the sitter. What he thought was an expression of relaxed, unaffected dignity, makes

him look in the print like a worried owl. How lucky is the old Australian lady, who, sheltering securely behind her 102 years, has just told press photographers (and she does not need to be beautiful for more and urged them to turn their fire on to one of her photographic nurses.—The London Times

Just about every high school student who can swim, and many who cannot, as well as a number of older young people, have indicated interest in the proposal that a Water Skiing Club be formed here. In spite of the fact that the temperature was way down below zero and the lake is covered by a good depth of snow, sixty-five names were on a list received from the high school who were apparently looking to the time when it will be open water.—Killarney Man, Guide.

A "transparent woman" has gone on display at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. She's a plastic model, of course fashioned with loving care by a group of German scientists who have done a mighty skilled job. Complex electrical wiring lights up the various organs of the model as the various functions play on a pedestal. Complex networks of colored wires portray the blood, lymphatic and nervous systems. Not content with his scientific marvel, a press agent in a burst of rhetoric claims that this transparent model leaves no room for "utterly devoid of mystery or illusion." That's absurd of course. The ageless mystery of the female is not the relation of her kidney to her liver. It's that accumulation of grey matter in the cranial cavity which sparks her unpredictable reaction.—Detroit Free Press.

RED OFFICES BOMBED PARIS Reuters—A bomb exploded in front of the offices of the Communist party cell in the Paris suburb of Neuilly early today, smashing the door and breaking windows in adjoining buildings. No one was hurt.

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