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Wood Islands Service

It is a matter of satisfaction to all concerned that the Federal Government's new \$2,000,000 ferry for the Wood Islands-Caribou service will be operated by Northumberland Ferries Ltd., to whose initiative and enterprise the service owes its existence.

With a new boat capable of carrying a full load of trailer type trucks, the movement of our farm products will be greatly facilitated. There will remain, however, a bottleneck in the lack of facilities for moving these trucks between North Sydney and Port-aux-Basques.

Fluoridation Recommended

A most impressive list of organizations was cited by Dr. B. J. O'Meara which have gone on record as advocating the fluoridation of water supplies.

There is a natural and proper reluctance on the part of authorities charged with responsibility for water supply to make any change in their practice without the fullest investigation.

Research, both in connection with areas where water is naturally of a high fluoride content and in those cities which have adopted artificial fluoridation over a period of years, shows that very considerable benefits are gained in the laying down of sound enamel on the teeth of young children, a benefit which they continue to enjoy through life.

So far as general health is concerned, the surveys indicate that there is nothing to fear from the practice of fluoridation and indeed its actual handling is far safer than that of chlorine which is in general use.

There is urgency about the adoption of fluoridation, now that its benefits and safety have been clearly demonstrated. The age of eleven years is about the end of the period during which its benefits are conferred.

British Naval Tradition

The British Admiralty Fleet Order laying down for the first time the official battle honours of warships and air squadrons is both sentimental and practical, notes the London Times.

dle of the eighteenth century, from North America to England nearly two centuries later, and is now to be an anti-submarine frigate also designed for the protection of shipping.

The root principles of maritime power do not change, whether they are exercised by wooden frigates and "seventy-fours," or by submarines and aircraft. From time to time the British Fleet has been allowed to fall into decay, but always its disintegration has been stayed and the starvation or invasion of British Isles has been prevented.

New Role For A Goat

While traffic experts in every country where automobiles abound are trying every scheme they can think of to reduce the ever increasing number of highway accidents, the Princess Patricia's Infantry Regiment now doing duty in West Germany has hit on a plan which seems to be getting satisfactory results.

According to the Regiment's Commanding Officer, the plan is working well; there has been a very noticeable drop in the accident rate in the few weeks it has been in operation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Queen's wedding day, 1947.

Tomorrow, the 23rd Sunday after Trinity, the 24th after Pentecost.

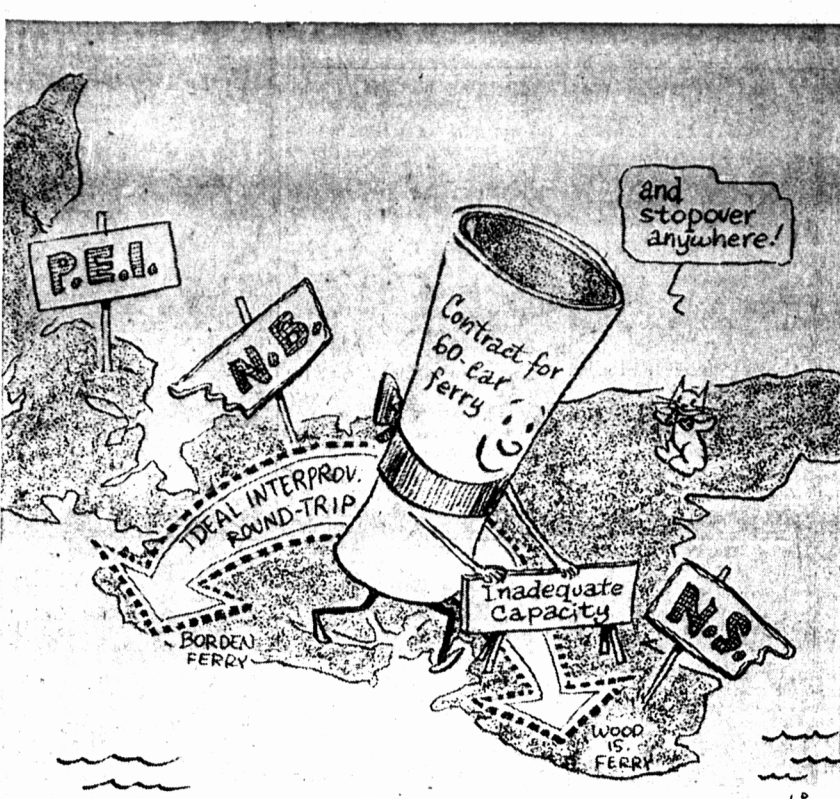
Today Prince Edward Island is scheduled to lose an arm of the sea, the tidal North River, and acquire its largest lake. Closing the gap in the causeway thus changes the geography of the Province in a significant way.

The forthcoming county annual meetings of the P. E. I. Federation of Agriculture will be of more than ordinary interest this year. The plebiscite disposed of one question, that of one-desk selling.

The present constitution of Jamaica came into force ten years ago today. A bicameral legislature, 10-member executive council, the latter functioning practically as a cabinet, and adult suffrage provide for responsible government.

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To Remove A Barrier

OTTAWA REPORT

Distinguished Fall Visitors

By PATRICK NICHOLSON

OTTAWA: Very important personages have been pouring into Ottawa in sufficient numbers to make our busiest-ever Fall almost an extension of the tourist season at a round of Parliament Hill.

The Queen Mother seemed scarcely a day older than when as Queen Elizabeth she had accompanied her husband the King here 15 years ago.

Ottawa has created a new sort of royal informality, seen no where else in the world. It is more dignified than Washington's democracy, more democratic than London's dignity. It was outstanding in the Queen's farewell appearance here, in the ballroom of Government House, where some 150 newsmen and our wives awaited her, clustered not idly around the huge well-stocked bar for 20 minutes.

"Monty" has got an infectious jauntiness and a great charm. It is easy to see, even in the brief span of a Press Conference, how his staff came to love this great British General, and to admire him almost to the point of worship, during those Eighth Army days and in the later campaigns.

He executed one neat little leap out of the frying pan into the fire, which most people seemed to overlook at his press conference here. He explained how the U. S. city of Buffalo had been very offended because, during his last visit here, he had asked ignorantly "Where on earth is Buffalo?"

Mendes-France achieved two records in one afternoon here, by attracting Ottawa's biggest press conference of the Fall, followed by a crowd of 700 guests to Ottawa's biggest and bustling highball-and-champagne party of the Embassy today.

It is taking a long time for old prejudices and jealousies to die. We cannot say that they are dead yet, but there is sufficient to indicate that they are in their last days. Canada is emerging with a new consciousness of nationhood, and the time is ripe for the planting of the seed across the country.

The Poet's Corner

THE NILE

It flows through old hush'd Egypt and its sands, Like some grave mighty thought threading a dream.

—Leigh Hunt.

The Age Old Story

Then said the Lord unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs: the good figs, very good, and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A barber shop that gives free morning coffee, and a coffee shop that gives free morning shaves, are having a sales war in London's Scho area.

A highway hazard motorists have reason to take seriously, especially when driving after sundown, is caused by deer wandering from the woods into the path of traffic.

When the horse was our main means of transportation, there were few if any accidents on the highways. The animals had too much sense to get embroiled in collisions unless some of the more highly-spirited ones became frightened.

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Because everybody has to eat, and eating is therefore a matter of great interest, the food poisoning of about 30 members and guests of the Toronto Women's Press Club was a newsy item.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that, in relation to population, more than twice as many died of suicide or self-inflicted injury in British Columbia last year than in the rest of Canada.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer

YOUNG PEOPLE AND BOOKS

It is to be hoped that the designation of one week in the year as "Young Canada Book Week" will be of some help to young persons—and perhaps some older persons, too—in cultivating a greater and more intelligent interest in books.

I notice that during the week a great deal of emphasis was put on public library facilities. No one would deny that these are of incalculable value. A public library is a rich source of power and strength in any community.

However, as is the case with almost every public institution of importance, it is possible that too much is expected of public libraries. As aids to good reading habits they are invaluable; but regarded as ends in themselves or as community storehouses of knowledge, I think their usefulness is in danger of impairment.

The young person who is encouraged to go to the public library for all his reading material is likely to acquire "assembly-line" habits of reading and thinking.

It is helpful that a young person can run to a library to borrow a book; it is, I would say, essential that he should have in his room a small collection which he can call his own, and to which he can turn for enjoyment and companionship at will.

Japan's manufacturing production index reached 157 in 1953, compared to 100 for the base year 1934-55.

Old Charlottetown

and P. E. I.

PASSENGERS FROM SKY

"The Barque 'Ocean', James Ward, master, from Portree, Isle of Skye, arrived on Saturday last with 335 passengers, all in good health.

—Royal Gazette, Aug. 3, 1841. In the same issue of the Gazette appeared the following notice: "We the undersigned, on behalf of ourselves and the other passengers of the 'Ocean', of Liverpool, take this opportunity of returning our thanks to Captain James Ward, for his kindness, care and attention during the passage of the said vessel from Portree to this Island."

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