

New Zealand Anniversary

New Zealand's government, like a successful citizen revisiting boyhood scenes, recently returned to the city of its birth and put in a busy day. The occasion was the 100th anniversary of parliamentary rule in the British dominion, established May 24, 1854, at the former capital of Auckland.

When New Zealand's first parliament met, organized settlement in these southwest Pacific islands was just getting well under way. Pioneers began arriving in numbers in 1840 with Britain's annexation of the territory and the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi with the native Maoris.

The march toward self government began in the earliest days of colonization. In 1841 former administrative ties were cut with the "mother colony" of New South Wales in Australia. New Zealand became a separate crown colony, with its own governor and other officials appointed from London.

New Zealand's government developed along familiar British lines. In 1907 the nation, whose population is overwhelmingly of English, Scottish, Welsh and Irish descent, was promoted from colony to dominion rank, with partnership status in the British Commonwealth.

War On Wetbacks

In the days immediately following the end of World War Two the farmers of Southern California and other regions near the Mexican border had considerable difficulty in finding capable farm workers.

From time to time sporadic efforts have been made by border patrols to round up the illegal workers for deportation; these efforts, however, were not very successful. Only a few of the "wetbacks" were caught at any one time, and this meant that some farmers were deprived of cheap labour while others were unaffected by the police action.

men, has gone at the job all along the Mexico-California border; for some time now around 1500 of the illegal workers have been apprehended daily.

In order to ensure success of the new campaign it was essential to have the goodwill and support of the farmers. This, it was feared at first, would be difficult, since cheap labour, especially in these days of falling farm prices, is something for a farmer to consider.

Those who are at all familiar with farmers and their ways will not be surprised at the turn of events in California. As a class, farmers are not given to conniving in illegal practices; moreover, they know very well that, in the long run, employment of local men at fair wages means more to themselves and their families than employment of itinerant and illegal workers, who are here today and gone tomorrow, at much lower wages.

A Welcome Decision

Canadians of all opinions will welcome a decision made recently by President Eisenhower. He refused a recommendation from his tariff commission which would have raised the U. S. duty on cod, haddock and other ground fish fillets; it would also have imposed a tight quota limit on the quantity of such imports.

In this matter, says the Winnipeg Free Press, self-interest points to the same view as common sense; everyone on this side of the border can recognize that restrictions and higher tariffs against Canadian fish would have created an artificial scarcity in the United States.

Those are the arguments with which President Eisenhower dismissed the protectionist case. "Canadians," says our Winnipeg contemporary, "will recognize their economic realism. Public opinion, in Eastern and Western Canada, can surely recognize that the same arguments apply north of the border, when it is some special interest in Canada that is hurt by competition and demands protection.

EDITORIAL NOTES

This is George Eastman day in Rochester, N. Y., the 100th anniversary of the birth of the "father of modern photography." He was not born in Rochester, however, but in Waterville, N. Y.

Today is celebrated as the "glorious twelfth" by Orangemen in commemoration of the victory of William of Orange at the Battle of the Boyne, 1690. According to the calendar then in use the date was July 1, 1690.

The British Government is anxious to encourage the establishment of subsidiary plants in this country. The developments on Annacis Island, British Columbia with accommodation for 200 firms is indicative of what might be done in this part of the country.

Alexander Hamilton, American statesman and economist, was killed in a duel this date 1804. He was one of the men who had most to do with shaping the constitution, policies and politics of the United States of America. He attracted the attention of General Washington during the Revolutionary War and became a lifelong friend.



Possible Unforeseen Developments

Old Charlottetown

and P. E. I. UNION BANK ESTABLISHED

"A general meeting of the stockholders of the contemplated Union Bank of Prince Edward Island took place, pursuant to advertisement, at the Colonial Building on Tuesday last, the 11th inst. The meeting was largely attended both by town and country stockholders. A series of carefully prepared by-laws, rules and regulations for the management of the affairs of the corporation were passed, and the meeting proceeded to the election by ballot, of a Board of Directors, who will hold office until the regular annual meeting to take place on the first Tuesday of April next. A call of 35 percent on the subscribed stock was ordered to be made immediately.

"The following gentlemen were elected to constitute the present Board of Directors: Charles Palmer, Esq., Hon. W. W. Lord, Henry Haszard, Esq., George Davies, Esq., Hon. George Beer, Mr. Owen Connolly, W. E. Dawson, Esq."

"The Islander, Feb. 17, 1864. In a subsequent report of the first regular meeting it was announced that Mr. Charles Palmer had been appointed president, Mr. James Anderson, cashier. The Bank is to be held in Gates' Brick Building, North Side Queen Square, which is now being fitted up for that purpose."

The Poet's Corner

TRANQUIL VALLEY

There is a tranquil valley that I know Far from the ocean. But by its brook I found In yellow sands, seashells of long ago. Though now no billows make the air resound, Here once the main was master; and once over This meadowy calm the maned sea-breaker lolled, Where dream this herdsgrass and this crimson clover Great waters their reverberations rolled. So sometimes when I look upon a face, Quiet and beautiful, with life at peace, I feel that out of storm has come grace, Life's music deepening as its clangors cease. Of grief but few memorials remain: Its sea surged here, but surges not again.

—Archibald Rutledge, in the New York Times.

Not Known

(Edmonton Journal) The other day this office received an envelope addressed as follows: "The Editor, Edmonton Journal, Edmonton, N.W.T." Our hands "hook" as we opened it and, try as we might, we couldn't suppress an involuntary shudder. The envelope, for all to see, had come from the office of R. Gordon Robertson, deputy minister of northern affairs and natural resources, and commissioner of the Northwest Territories. Was Alberta no more? Had we become, by some secret act of parliament, part of the Northwest Territories under the benevolent tutelage of Mr. Robertson's office?

These fears proved to be unfounded. The contents of the envelope took the form of an innocent news publication called "The Northern Affairs Bulletin." But who had made such a horrible error? Perhaps one of Mr. Robertson's staff was at fault; but we could be wrong in this. The deputy minister may yet be aware of the extent of the domain he helps to rule; he may need some further coaching in his new and arduous duties. True, what is now Alberta once was part of the Northwest Territories. But the province was formed in 1905 and Edmonton has been its capital since 1906. The news must surely have filtered through to Ottawa by this time.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Prejudice is a great time saver. It enables a man to form opinions without going to the trouble of learning the facts. — Fort Arthur News-Chronicle.

"No" is never a pleasant word—and most especially not when it appears in front of "vacancy" on a motel sign at dusk on a hot day with a couple of worn-out kids in the back seat.—Hamilton Spectator.

Luckily for the barefoot boy of poetic memory he flourished in the day before every country lane was littered with empty cans and broken beer bottles.—Hamilton Spectator.

Curtis Publishing Co. has changed the name of its 101-year-old magazine "Country Gentleman" to "Better Farming." It's not that our agriculturists are any less gentlemen than they used to be, it's just that they're better farmers.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In a child marriage at Baroda, India, the bride was 18 months of age, the bridegroom two years. It could be their baby talk after the wedding was strangely reminiscent of the honeymoon baby talk practised by some adults. — Fort William Times-Journal.

Strawberry socials are one of the traditions of old Ontario, and the season is opening once again. These strawberry socials are lavish affairs. The strawberries are choice ones. The idea is that each should have all he or she can eat. — Windsor Star.

Chief Constable Knight would ban jaywalking in London. He would ban walking across the street against the red light too. As there is no by-law here to force a person to walk circumspectly the chief says jaywalking should be stopped. It is the measure of the growth of London that a citizen should not be permitted to cross over to the other side whenever he feels like it. Having to walk to the intersection is the custom of people in metropolitan cities. However, as traffic is today, jaywalking is definitely dangerous. It will take us longer to shop but the chief is right. To the corner, it is! — From London Free Press.

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The Age Old Story

May there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah. But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill, Selah.

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OTTAWA REPORT

Behind The Iron Curtain

By Patrick Nicholson

Igor Gouzenko's first novel probably enjoyed more advance publicity than any book previously written in Canada. "The Fall of a Titan" has already been bought by Hollywood for a near-record price and became the August choice of a big Book Club.

For this is not just a novel, written and published to cash in on the notoriety of the first refugee from the espionage network of the Kremlin. It is more a vivid searchlight—the first authentic one in nearly four decades—illuminating the darkened and terrifying life behind the Iron Curtain.

Maybe it is misleading to describe post-revolutionary Russia as "life behind the Iron Curtain"; I should say "beneath" the Iron Curtain. For through Gouzenko's eyes, readers may now see revealed the repulsive and sordid kind of existence which one sees when one lifts up a big stone in dank forest undergrowth.

Nine years ago, Gouzenko performed a priceless service for the Free World, when as cypher clerk for the Russian spy rings at the Soviet Embassy here, he revealed the danger of this Russian secret service operating in foreign countries. In his novel, Gouzenko has performed a second great service by revealing the danger of the secret service operating in a Communist-dominated country.

Whether at the level of the malicious and self-seeking Commissar, or of the drunken and lecherous tool in non-commissioned rank, the all-powerful secret police creates a kind of life beside which any concept of fire-and-brimstone hell would appear paradisaical to a freedom-loving Canadian.

The question sometimes arises whether strikes pay. In Pittsburgh a strike of bus drivers, which put the public to great inconvenience, has been settled after five weeks. The employees had a base rate of \$1.92 per hour, plus six-cents cost-of-living bonus. The strike was settled on the basis of an addition of three cents to the base rate. Each man lost 200 working hours during the strike, which at \$1.98 per hour is close to \$400. The three cents additional will take them six years to make up what they lost in wages. —St. Thomas Times - Journal.

In Vancouver the attorney-general of the province, who is not a physician, sat in with 900 doctors attending the convention of the Canadian Medical Association to birth, on colour television, the birth of a baby by a Caesarean operation in a hospital two miles away. The mother of the child was the wife of the attorney-general. Whether the assembled doctors learned anything from the operation they watched we do not know, of course. If they did it could have been learned as well if the identity of the subject of the operation had remained a secret from the convention and the world. As it is, we think a great many people will be most impressed by what they will consider the incredible vulgarity of the whole performance.—Ottawa Journal.

Taxes are queer things. In Connecticut, we learn, you don't pay a sales tax on an ice cream sundae, but you do on an ice cream soda! This is because sundaes are included with food and food products, and are therefore exempt, whereas sodas and milk shakes are classed with beverages and candy which are taxable. There's no tax on milk, but mix it with ice cream (which is not taxable in a sundae) in the concoction of a milk shake, and it becomes taxable. Nuts are tax exempt, unless they are coated with chocolate, when they become taxable. Yet cooking chocolate is tax free! — From Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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