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

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Unconvincing Criticism

The Globe and Mail, Toronto, takes issue with the Government of Prince Edward Island for suggesting, in its brief before the McTague Commission on Transportation, the nationalization of all our railways as an alternative to continuous freight rate increases.

These are good words, but what have they to do with horizontal rate boosts which do not affect the Central Provinces materially because of their highly competitive transport system, but fall with crushing weight upon these Atlantic Provinces?

It is true that a Canadian National-Canadian Pacific Act was passed on recommendation of the Duff Royal Commission of 1932, which made several references to duplication of transportation facilities and dealt at length with the need for co-operative measures between the two major railway systems.

The Island Government takes the position that every alternate means should be explored before another horizontal boost in freight rates is granted. One alternative is amalgamation under government control, because our whole rate structure is geared to the needs of the C.P.R., a private enterprise dependent on providing dividends for its shareholders.

However, if the McTague Commission feels that the time has not yet come for amalgamation, it is submitted that the situation which exists with regard to the Crownst Pass Rates might well be treated in the same way as the situation arising out of the Maritime Freight Rates Act.

There is no such provision in the statute governing the Crownst Pass rates. The result of this difference between the two statutes is that freight rates in the Maritimes have had to bear their share of the general increase granted in the last three years, totalling 45 per cent, while the Crownst Pass rates have borne no part of them.

We find it might apply to a tug-of-war, and that it is the end men in such a contest that do most of the "holding". We are getting tired of being in that position, and of being lectured by the fellows up centre when we suggest that they too should be pulling their weight.

Mr. Massey Relaxes

Our former Governor General, the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, had to deliver many Throne Speeches during his tenure of office. He did so with all due dignity and decorum, not allowing his sense of humor to mar the impressiveness of the proceedings.

"Lots of advisers have I got, comprising Over a score and how they love advising! Each year they give me their combined advice On plans to implement—or put on ice. Their views I give you seated on the Throne. Reading the pages in a level tone. Under their orders I can have no choice, The country hears me as His Master's Voice."

Soil Survey In Wales

From a bulletin released by the United Kingdom Information Service we learn that an interesting survey to determine soil fertility with greater accuracy is being made at a plant breeding station near Aberystwyth, Wales. Before the survey began, a contour map of the station was made at one-foot intervals.

The survey is not yet complete, but its value has already been illustrated by the fact that in one of the fields used for trials there are two long patches where the soil has a high phosphate content. This field was used as an army camp in the First World War; and it is thought that the patches mark the site of cookhouse or latrines.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Dentists and doctors in the United States are working on a long term study of baby teeth to assess strontium 90 deposits in relation to radioactive fallout. The project has been taken up by research workers in the universities of Washington and St. Louis.

It is understood that when Parliament meets, a joint Commons-Senate committee will be appointed to rewrite the Civil Service Act, unchanged for forty years. In the revision—which will involve examining of documents and questioning of witnesses—such points as the size of the Government staff, its cost, efficiency and work practices, will be raised.

U.S. Congressional investigators have turned from rigged TV quiz shows to charges that disc jockeys have accepted millions of dollars a year in bribes to flood the air with certain records, especially rock 'n' roll. The House committee also will look into allegations that "deejays", song publishers and record firms rig top tune polls, even paying teenagers to pose as regular record customers.



THE ISOLATION BOOTH

OTTAWA REPORT

Mr. Pearson's Objection

Hon. Lester B. Pearson, leader of the Liberal Opposition in our federal Parliament, has let drop phrases in recent speeches which may indicate a coming line of attack on the Progressive Conservative Party.

"We do not require Madison Avenue tactics in our government," was his theme. Many Canadians have long deplored the piquant values which are being foisted upon us in the cause of selling more soap.

The target of Mr. Pearson's criticism, echoed in newspapers and by politicians across Canada, is a former Madison Avenue man from Toronto, named Alister Crossart. Now the national organizer of the Progressive Conservative Party he is seen as the leading exponent of nitroglycerin in politics.

Kennedy's Indictment

A remarkably tough-minded speech by Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, the Democrat with aspirations of higher office, was pushed into undeserved shade by the doings of Premier Khrushchev.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of any question of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

SERVICE APPRECIATED

Sir—This morning as I was feeding my 12-week-old baby, I heard the request of the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service Committee for letters from people who have been helped by this Service.

1,000-Year Old Apartments

Long before Columbus discovered America, some Indians of the Southwest lived in elaborate apartment houses. One apartment dwelling with at least 80 three-room suites stood in New Mexico about 1,000 years ago.

The ruins of this fabulous dwelling, known as Pueblo del Arroyo, were discovered in 1949 by a military engineer reconnoitering New Mexico country shortly after the Mexican War. Years elapsed, however, before scientists began excavations.

Work begun in 1923. In 1920 a National Geographic Society expedition made a survey of Chaco Canyon, site of Pueblo del Arroyo. Three years later, a scientific investigation of the Pueblo was begun under the leadership of Neil M. Judd of the Smithsonian Institution, who had been excavating near Pueblo Bonito for the Society.

In the ruins of the massive structure, which lies northwest of Albuquerque, archaeologists have found bowls, mortars, tablers, bone awls, and figurines. Timbers were used in building the Pueblo, and from the tree rings the scientists could determine its approximate age, as well as the periods of various remodeling.

New Stride In About Dieting

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. MAYBE we never will be able to cure cancer, but chances are that at least we will be able to hold the disease completely in check. And that's almost as good as a cure.

Take diabetes as an example. We still can't cure the disease. Yet in the vast majority of cases we can control it simply by administering small regular doses of insulin and by watching our diets.

It wasn't too many years ago that a diagnosis of diabetes was a pronouncement of death. DOES BOTHERSOME Admittedly, daily doses of insulin are a bit bothersome. But many patients no longer need injections; they can take their insulin orally. It's as easy as swallowing an aspirin.

Perhaps we still are a long way from a solution to the cancer problem, but when we do come up with a solution, it might be a drug or some sort of medication that will hold the disease in check rather than eliminating it entirely.

SOME PROGRESS MADE This is a big step forward in our fight against cancer, possibly the biggest. There have been many other sizable steps, too—so many, in fact, that many beliefs have changed or are in the process of changing.

One well-known cancer expert informed me recently that any textbook on cancer that is more than three years old is considered almost out of date.

HOPE AHEAD In the last ten years we have come a long way in our fight against cancer. Unfortunately, we may have a long way yet to go. But we'll get there, mark my words. Whether it is a cure or merely an indefinite remission, we will come up with something one of these days.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. M.: My daughter, 17, perspires excessively under the arms. Daily use of a deodorant and dress shields do not help. Is there anything that can help this condition?

Answer: Excessive perspiration may be perfectly normal in a 17-year-old girl but may subside at a later age. Underarm shaving and use of anti-perspirants may help during this period.

The Poets Corner

A little blue flower, sparkling with rain, I saw at a garden gate; Among trees and shrubbery, vaulting, vain—

The little blue flower's fate Was to give me joy, and awaken delight; A speck of color, aglow with light.

A bit of the sky on the stalwart earth, Peeping out modestly, It seems but a moment since time of birth To its end of day, But it's given me rapture and comfort, true, Azure sky vibrant—blossom blue—

—Myrtle Boa Armstrong —In the "Canadian Poetry Magazine"

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Nov. 18, 1934)

Mr. Harold Laidlaw, Kelvin, leaves this morning for Toronto, to attend the annual meeting of the Canadian Guernsey Breeders' Association, which is being held in connection with the Royal Winter Fair. Mr. Laidlaw was recently elected a director to represent the Breeders of New Brunswick at a Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Charlie MacKinnon, Railway section foreman at Kensington has been promoted to a similar position at Borden. Mr. and Mrs. MacKinnon were extended best wishes prior to their departure to take up residence in Borden. Mr. MacKinnon will be succeeded by...

than an acre. It survives as an enduring monument to the craftsmanship of the Indian stonemasons and carpenters, who had to make do with stone axes.

The Indians known as Pueblo Spanish for "village"—still live on a sunny, arid extending into parts of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, and Colorado. Despite their common name, they fall into four different groups, each with a distinct language.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Some people are no good at counting calories and they have the figure to prove it.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record

The drought continues in Scotland, and is now getting really serious because production of Scotch whisky is imperilled! The burns supplying the distilleries are drying up.—Letter From London

The chief fault with Federal Indian policy, over the years, has not been a scarcity of good intentions or even entirely a scarcity of good policies, although it must be admitted that not enough policies have been good. The chief fault was in the government's attitude of extreme paternalism, of shoving its policies down the Indians' throats whether they liked them or not.—Calgary Albertan

Amalfi, Italy, claims to be the birthplace of the mariner's compass. The magnetic needle was known to the Chinese, but the nautical compass supposedly took on its modern form about A.D. 1300 when seafaring Amalfians added a circular card marked with the points of direction and degrees of the circle. Thereafter Amalfi became known as the Magnetic City and bore a winged compass in its coat of arms.—National Geographic Bulletin

Britain has never made any secret of the fact that she will buy Canadian goods only if they are offered at prices equal to or below those available in other countries. So it is with all countries. No nation feels it has a moral obligation to sacrifice trade advantage in order that Canadians may continue to have the second highest standard of living in the world.—The Edmonton Journal

An all-the-year-round tunnel under the Alps to link Switzerland and Italy is being planned. It is expected to be opened to traffic in the summer of 1961. The 34-mile-long road tunnel will be dug under the Great St. Bernard pass. A ceremony at Martigny in Switzerland recently marked the beginning of tunnelling on the Swiss side. When completed, the great St. Bernard tunnel will provide an all-weather route between Aosta in Italy and Lausanne in Switzerland, and will benefit travellers coming through Switzerland from the north and northwest into Italy.—Woodstock Ingersoll Sentinel-Review

We're getting pushed around too much in the electronic, jet-propelled age. There are the big, awkward cards used for cheques and order blanks which do not fit any ordinary, experience-hold-variety envelope and bear the surly order "Do Not Fold". Apparently we are to change our stationery to accommodate a machine. There are the cigarette machines which make us pay two cents more for our cigarettes simply because it is inconvenient for the machine to give pennies in change.—Vancouver Sun

FAMOUS GARDENS The Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, England, one of the world's greatest plant centres, were started in 1769.

Decline And Fall

The classic detective story provided a pattern that proved satisfactory for so many years that the manner in which recent writers have come to disregard it, to say the least, is surprising.

Various writers who have in the recent years proved themselves to be his masters have turned upon it, and we open a new book not knowing whether to expect a brilliant excursion in the classic style or a picturesque and wayward thriller.

The classical detective story was concerned rather to analyse a method of a crime and a thorough that find its perpetrator than to detect a criminal through the specious investigation of motives, with its consequent plunge into psychology.

In so far as it concerned men and women, it required characterization, but its characters were embodied "humors" rather than rounded, inconsistent, or consequent people.

PRIME REQUIREMENTS The prime necessities of a great detective were a handful of fascinating eccentricities and an obtuse colleague. Meanwhile, the writers pursued more and more easy ways to kill, and some far from easy.

Certain extraneous elements have always been demanded. The detective story written without some literary grace is more disturbing in its unreality than the most turgid prose epic; wit and the display of esoteric knowledge have always been welcome ingredients, for these things are either embedded in the puzzle or are part of its treatment.

EFFICIENT TASK But few writers now can avoid the writing of either thrillers (which, however admirably they conform to their own rules, are at the opposite pole to the solution of problems by reason: the detective's method was hardly ever solvitur ambulando, and potentially the greatest of detectives was Mycroft Holmes, too indolent to move from his club to verify a fact) or a novel in which crime has become a mere foundation for the exploration of criminal psychology or any one of numerous other topics fascinating in themselves but representing a gradual perversion of the form.

Its patron saint now is Dr. Freud and his psychobets are Raymond Chandler (whose hero openly disavowed both classic Holmesian method and Holmesian logic) or M. Simeon, the awe-inspiring flow of whose work has little to do with the light-hearted abstraction of reality from crime in order to provide an intellectual holiday.

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