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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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A Vital Problem

The traffic recommendations contained in the report of a coroner's jury published in today's issue will, it is to be hoped, receive very careful attention from the authorities. They are intended to apply generally, and it is evident that the jurors, headed by Mr. Earle Baker as foreman, have gone very thoroughly into the question. Among other things, they recommend legislation for the enforcement of semi-annual vehicle inspection and that consideration be given to establishing periodic driving tests. More rigid enforcement of existing regulations, particularly with regard to driving under the influence of liquor, is urged, along with proposals for a further survey of dangerous intersections in the City.

As frequently emphasized in these columns, the problem of highway safety has become one of outstanding importance in every Province, calling for a thorough revision of oldtime traffic rules with a view to cutting down the appalling toll in deaths and serious injury which we have experienced in recent years. It is not an easy problem to handle, but it is one which must be dealt with at any cost.

Sister Kenny

The life of Sister Kenny which ended on Sunday was a saga of service and of the healing profession. It contains the elements of devotion to the relief of human suffering, conflict with established medical authority, persistence towards a goal and the overthrow of prejudice within the profession.

The profession of medicine deals with a far more important subject than property rights or mechanical inventions. Its practitioners cannot allow quacks or cranks to victimize and perhaps destroy human beings. Doctors require the highest standards of technical training and of medical research. Treatments must be tested from any number of points of view before they can be accepted as applied to the victims of sickness and disease.

This determined protection against folly, however, has its own drawbacks. Probably more often in fiction than in fact but sometimes at any rate, discoveries are prevented from being put to use because the medical profession is not satisfied with their effectiveness or safety. Certainly anyone advocating a new and radical principle has an up-hill struggle to get it accepted, particularly when the proponent has not the preliminary advantage of conventional medical training and qualifications.

Canada's Position

Before leaving for the Commonwealth Conference in London, Prime Minister St. Laurent told Parliament that Canada is not going to tell other nations how to deal with their problems. His statement, says the Ottawa Citizen, may reassure those in Canada and overseas who have been expecting Ottawa to take a narrow, self-righteous attitude, advising the British to cut down their standard of living in order to boost their exports. Britain has not been living notoriously high since the war. Its increase in productivity and exports has been remarkable. Its troubles come mainly from the rise of the United States as the great creditor nation, and from wartime economic losses, trade restrictions, jumps in the cost of imports, the burden of rearmament. Deeper poverty, more unemployment, would be caused by drastic deflation. The British then would hardly become better workers, or better customers for Canada.

But Canada cannot afford to take an indifferent or neutral attitude at London. The Progressive Conservative leader, Mr. Drew, and the CCF leader, Mr. Coldwell, have both presented this point persuasively to Parliament. Canada's trade is now about 70 per cent with the United States, and less than 20 per cent with Britain and the Commonwealth. Especially with a Republican administration coming into power at Washington, this is a dangerous state of affairs. If Canada were to lose part of its United States market without regaining Commonwealth markets, it would be in a serious fix. It needs once more to sell its apples, cheese, fish, and wheat, not to mention other products, to Britain in quantity.

Larger considerations were suggested in

a recent address by Professor B. S. Keirstead, who recalled that in the search for independence Canada has tended to assert itself against Britain, to emphasize its position as a North American nation. The consequence is that with independence attained it finds itself becoming more and more dependent on the United States economically. A corresponding increase in American political influence is taking place, and many Canadians fear the possible results, nationally and internationally. Professor Keirstead reached the seemingly paradoxical conclusion that to ensure its independence Canada must work more closely with Britain and the Commonwealth. This great bloc of nations would then be better able to influence the economics and politics of the world.

Nova Scotia Pressing Too

The brief presented last week for improved ferry service between Wood Islands and Caribou is now being considered by the Canadian Maritime Commission, and it is to be hoped that a prompt and favorable recommendation will be made. In the meantime, it is gratifying to note the support which Nova Scotia papers are giving to the representations. Under the heading "A Vital Need", the Sydney Post-Record says Ottawa should be aware of the fact that this is the only ferry service linking Nova Scotia with Prince Edward Island and that it "doesn't have boats enough to do the job." It notes that to date this year 1,700 more vehicles have used the service than in the whole of 1951. "The situation," it says, "now is out of hand so far as meeting traffic demand is concerned. Even though sufficient steel now were allowed to permit construction of a larger boat it would take a year and a half to build one. And that would fail to meet the emergency of the coming year. The only thing left to do is to buy a second hand boat either in Britain or the United States and there is reason to believe one can be had. What is preventing or delaying the purchase of such a craft? This is a question demanding an answer."

The Truro News also devotes an editorial to this subject, expressing the hope that last week's delegation to Ottawa will achieve some concrete results. "The Caribou-Wood Islands ferry is an important link between Central Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island," it says, "and as far as Truro is concerned is a broad avenue for tourist travel from the Island to this Province. . . . The Federal Government should study the possibility of making it an all-year operation."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The wisdom of having passenger seats in aircraft facing the after end was demonstrated rather strikingly in a recent accident involving an R.A.F. transport. The four crew members facing forward were injured while the nine passengers sitting backwards walked out of the wreck, dazed but unhurt.

The proposal at the Prince County Fish and Game Association meeting that shooting licenses be qualified for has much to commend it. It might not be practical to examine all applicants, or even youthful ones, before issuing the license but if safety standards were laid down it would be possible to revoke the license of anyone found to be unacquainted with them.

Too long have careful drivers subsidised the insurance of their accident-prone brethren. Now the Dominion Board of Insurance Underwriters has taken a step towards giving them the benefit of their careful driving habits. Certain groups who have had no accidents in three years will next year qualify for a 20 per cent discount on their public liability and property damage policies.

The Federal-Provincial agricultural conference opening at Ottawa today will not all be sweetness and light. In a world of food scarcity the Canadian farmers are faced with many and varied problems in disposing of their abundant products. The experts will no doubt be well supplied with explanations but what is wanted are remedies.

Sir Francis Carruthers Gould, English writer, was born this date 1844. Member of the Stock Exchange for twenty years and later assistant editor of the Westminster Gazette, he early showed great skill in caricature. He was an authority and lecturer on parliamentary matters but it was his brilliant series of cartoons in the Westminster Gazette which earned him his knighthood and supported the Liberal cause for a long period. They dealt with every important phase of parliamentary controversy, epitomising the very pith of a political situation, often adapting scenes from Shakespeare, Dickens or Carroll.



The Poet's Corner

SNOW ON A GARDEN
Soft glistening whiteness robes a lilac tree
That stood at dawn all naked to the storm;
Dead vines relieve in snowy filigree:
A withered stalk's reborn in faery form.
Here at the grave of beauty, where decay
Touched crimson roses in their hour of flame,
Where glowing blooms and weeds of yesterday
Yielded to earth's tribute just the same,
Here where the ruthless winds have wrought their will,
And frost made ugly patterns on the mound,
Pale liveliness returns, Ah, lovelier
Than all the color trampled to the ground;
A brooding gracious beauty that will bring
Purged blossoms to the burgeoning of spring.
—Lucy Gertrude Clarkin.

Paying For Peace

(Winnipeg Free Press)
Troubles attend the budget making of the United Nations. These troubles are of a different order from those that marked the closing year of the old League. Then the chief difficulty was with defaulters — members who did not pay.
The problem today concerns the division of the total budget among the members. Expenditures of the U. N. in 1953 are estimated at \$47,765,200. This sum, it need scarcely be pointed out, is an extremely modest figure when compared with the current outlays in war. The country in the current fiscal year has voted \$2,100 millions for defence. Our annual share of the cost of the UN is \$1,438,000. The U. S. defence vote exceeds \$60 billions. The free world must now be spending close to \$100 billions per annum in a desperate effort to achieve the strength to compel Russia to forego aggression and a third world war. What Russia's current outlay in armaments are in terms of our dollar cannot be stated, since Communist Russia publishes no statistics but conceals all behind the iron curtain. But Russia is known to be armed to the teeth and is officially reported by the British Government to be spending a greater proportion of its national income on preparations for war than any other nation. It is Communist Russia's past war acts of aggression and threats to extend them, that are the sole cause of the present defence policies in the free world.
Yet the Russia that boasts of great development and success at all Communist gatherings, pleads penury at the United Nations. The United States has been carrying as much as 39.8 per cent of the total U.N. budget while Soviet Russia and its puppets, the Ukrainians and Byelorussians, have carried as little as 7.7 per cent.
Some years ago, the U.N. decided that no one member should be permitted to pay more than one third. Since then the U.S. share has been whittled down to 35.1 per cent and Russia and its puppets raised to 16.9 per cent. The final cut to one third is now to come not later than 1954. Surely the Soviets should be prepared to pay the additional amount. Considering the use they make of the United Nations — it being their main propaganda outlet — they should consider it cheap at any price.

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All-Important Man

(Regina Leader-Post)
Some day, to ensure survival, Western society will have to take things in its own hands, curb its faddists, go back to the germinal principles and values that made it decide that the study of man, of his inescapable responsibility, of what he is that God has been mindful of him, of what under moral law is basic, and impose it as basic training. And it will have to do it promptly while moral values still have meaning to mature men and women.
Human institutions must serve or be made to serve that indivisible entity that is man. Man remains the measure of all things and, being that measure, he must, in his own interests, remain the measurer of the institutions and social agencies that serve him. And industrial or technological Frankenstein, grown strong in licence and free to eat the moral heart out of a democratic society, would be infinitely more dangerous.

Old Treasures

(Montreal Gazette)
As with persons, so it is with things. It is so easy to ridicule other people's possessions. Some people used to wonder why the great Cardinal Newman, in the Oratory at Brompton, used often to throw a very threadbare cloak over his bed as a covering. Yet in his old age, it was there — a thing treasured.
For him it was full of meaning. He had worn that cloak when a young man, in his travels in Sicily. In those days he had made some of the deepest religious decisions of his life. And in the middle of Sicily, while traveling alone, he had fallen ill of fever. In the long nights, when he had nearly died, he had drawn that cloak about him. To the end of his days it had symbolized to him the spiritual comfort that had enfolded him when alone, and faced with death, as a stranger in a far land.
Life is never to be understood by judging everything and everyone according to the rules of art, or taste, or beauty, or usefulness. It is easy to criticize; it is hard to understand. And perhaps there is a profound consolation in the thought that even the ugly and the threadbare may be cherished and may add to life's significance.

The Age-Old Story

The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked. . . . Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him. The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.
HISTORIC LAKE
Lake Champlain on the U. S. border below Montreal was discovered by Samuel Champlain in 1600.

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Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)
MISSIONARY SOIREE
"A missionary soiree in connection with the St. Peter's Female Society was held in Miss Douglas's School Room; the place was tastefully decorated and fitted up for the occasion. Between 50 and 60 persons sat down to an elegantly furnished tea table, after which the table was cleared and the Rev. Robert Douglas delivered an address on the peculiar obligations of females to aid in the cause of Missions, as it is the gospel alone that elevates them to their proper rank in society. The meeting was then addressed by the Rev. J. Geddie, on the present motives to action in the cause of missions. An interesting account was read of the field of labour in the South Seas intended to be occupied by the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia. The service of the evening concluded with a vote of thanks to the ladies under whose judicious superintendence everything was conducted."
—Royal Gazette, March 29, 1845.

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Notes By The Way

There's a proposal in Scotland that wives be paid a regular wage by their husbands. Nix on that; a man would come home as hungry as a wolf, and instead of food on the table find a lady organizer in the kitchen, urging a mass meeting of neighborhood wives to demand a raise—or no supper!—Ottawa Citizen.

Somebody sends us a picture of a scene in the city council of Rio de Janeiro—a "stormy session" in which Alderman Jose Luiz de Carvalho "wields a gun in his right hand and a knife in his left hand while Alderman Hiran Dutra tries to keep him from shooting." Compared with that sort of thing Ottawa's council meetings are as mild as Sunday school picnics. —Ottawa Journal.

The International Civil Aviation Organization reports an expanded program of technical assistance in many parts of the world. It seems reasonable that aid to underdeveloped countries should embrace modern transportation techniques, thereby helping to bring widely scattered nations in closer contact with one another. —Ottawa Citizen.

If taverns are to be remedied to resemble English pubs, British Columbia is the place. On that serene littoral there exist the essential requirements—rain, mist, fog, green pastures, winding roads, hedges, a natural sentiment, and shell fish. Not a gin palace, mind you. Just a sociable coterie gathered by the fireside playing shove-ha'penny, and eating clams. What a province! —London Free Press.

A boyish line of succession in wheat kings from Alberta is rapidly becoming established. British Columbia's Royce Young at the Leonard succeeds 21-year-old Howard Roppel of Rockyford. The 1950 "boy king" was Ricky Sharpe of Munson, then only 11 years of age. Ricky placed second this year. It is plain that the future of grain growing here is in the best of hands. —Edmonton Journal.

The technique of the public opinion poll is being put to strange uses in the Middle East. A Cairo newspaper recently took a poll among the people of Egypt to find out what they thought should be done with ex-King Farouk. The results had none of the uncertainty of some U. S. pre-election polls. More than 81 per cent of those questioned thought Farouk should be brought to trial, and 70 per cent wanted him executed. —Edmonton Journal.

A lot of Vancouverites are annoyed because photographer Karsh said in a MacLean's Magazine article: ". . . the rain is as much a part of Vancouver's atmosphere as the sea is a part of her wealth." Mr. Karsh merely faced facts when he reported this. The rain is a great part of our atmosphere — a very wonderful part. Most of us go around apolo-

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