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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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Tyrant Or Emancipator

The alarm clock to many seems a hard task-master, a thief of time and a destroyer of sleep. There is another aspect to its ordered life, however. The housewife who uses a timer to let her know when the eggs are done or the roast cooked does not regard the instrument as a slave-driver but as a release from the task of clock watching. She can make what use she wishes of her time, knowing that she can rely on the faithful time-keeper to call her attention to the stove when needed.

In the same way the alarm clock relieves the tired man or woman of the responsibility of waking at the right time to be ready for the tasks of the day. Without it his last thought would necessarily be the determination to wake at the proper time. He would require to be his own alarm clock and work at it throughout the night. Some people can readily do this without showing apparent fatigue, but for most ordinary mortals it is just too much to ask. How much more satisfactory it is to throw all the responsibility onto that ingenious machine.

There are many "alarm clocks" in our lives which we tend to dislike and consider to be rocks on the footpath when in reality they are more like stepping stones across places in which we would otherwise get wet. To many people the reporting of disaster and crime, disagreements and folly seems to be something they could well do without, whereas it is the things themselves that they object to and would be very much more concerned about if a blanket of silence were to descend.

Regret is frequently expressed at an individual being admitted to hospital or being under medical care when, in point of fact, the victim and his friends are only too happy that such care is available, much as they may regret the circumstances that require its application. For the most part these slips of thought and expression do little harm but it is well once in a while, at least, to consider what we really think and mean, if it is only to avoid disliking the well because of thirst.

Abuse Of Privilege

There are many circumstances under which special privileges are extended to particular groups. Usually it is because in line of duty they are placed in exceptional circumstances, whether because of service or civilian travel, membership in a particular firm or organization, or professional responsibilities. The concessions are made both in the interest of the individuals concerned and of their efficiency.

What happens all too often, unfortunately, is that a minority of those enjoying public or private privileges use them to an extent or in a way that was never intended and the result is that the privilege is withdrawn from all or else hedged about with all sorts of annoying restrictions. Employees who make use of discount privileges for other than their personal requirements, farmers who burn tax-free gasoline in their cars, servicemen who bring automobiles into the country as personal effects, all are apt to play havoc with useful and desirable privileges which make life easier and generally fairer.

Servicemen in future will be limited to \$1000 in the amount of goods which they may bring home duty-free, a limit which it would never have been necessary to impose had the privilege been used only for its proper purpose of bringing back ordinary souvenirs and household effects when applicable. Because of this restriction it will be a costly matter for a serviceman to be posted back to Canada after setting up a domestic establishment abroad.

Subterranean Heat

Engineers in New Zealand bored 2,020 feet into the earth and released a jet of super-heated steam that rose 400 feet in the air with such violence as to shatter all recording instruments. The immediate proposal, according to the Port Arthur News-Chronicle, is to use this heat in power turbines for atomic development and other purposes.

Heat being so easily available, in quantity it will naturally add greatly to the potentialities and wealth of that down under country. It will be interesting to other parts of the world, which likewise may see possibilities in heat to be obtained from the interior of the earth. Apparently the earth's "skin" is thinner in New Zealand

than elsewhere. It is known as a country of boiling springs.

The boring in the enterprise referred to, released a great volume of heat at less than half a mile depth. In Canada and other countries mining is carried to more than twice that depth before the heat becomes too great for further work. But in this country, too, some thought has been given to the possibility of using interior heat on the surface. The prospects are undoubtedly less than in New Zealand where it seems it can be had at half the depth and in the form of steam that could easily be carried through pipes. How to go deeper and get the heat in a form that would permit distribution is the problem for engineers in this country and, probably on account of the differences, the solution is much more distant than in New Zealand.

"Red" Cricket Balls

A letter to The Sunday Times, of London, recently inquired if any one knew why cricket balls are red. One reply said the explanation was simple: The Russians invented cricket. As proof, the writer noted that cricket is definitely an "un-American activity."

It is very likely that the Russians have claimed, at some time or other, to have invented cricket, comments the Montreal Gazette. In the last few years, they have claimed credit for almost everything else. The latest Russian declaration of this type concerns "3-D" movies. To publicize the showing of their first production of this type, Russian Government newspapers have hailed the three-dimensional technique as just another Russian development.

"Students of contemporary Russian history might be inclined to accept this view," says The Gazette. "Russian Government circles, at least, have been making three-dimensional statements for years. First, there is the story they tell the outside world; then there is the story they tell the Communist world; then, belatedly, there is the truth, which the world has to find out for itself."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The law on lotteries is expected to be reconsidered at the forthcoming session of Parliament. Those who feel that the present law should be changed and those who are convinced that it is exactly as it should be should let their views be known now rather than later object to officials enforcing its provisions.

Early movement of potatoes is heavier this year than last. Unfortunately those who held on last year took a loss as a result. It would be ideal if potatoes could be kept moving regularly throughout the year and that, indeed, is one respect in which the pool has a distinct advantage over individual sales.

With the value of national fisheries down in August from a year ago but up in this Province in the same month, fishermen here may well be thankful. The industry is undergoing a revolution through increased lobster sizes and the introduction of modern methods of catching and handling other varieties.

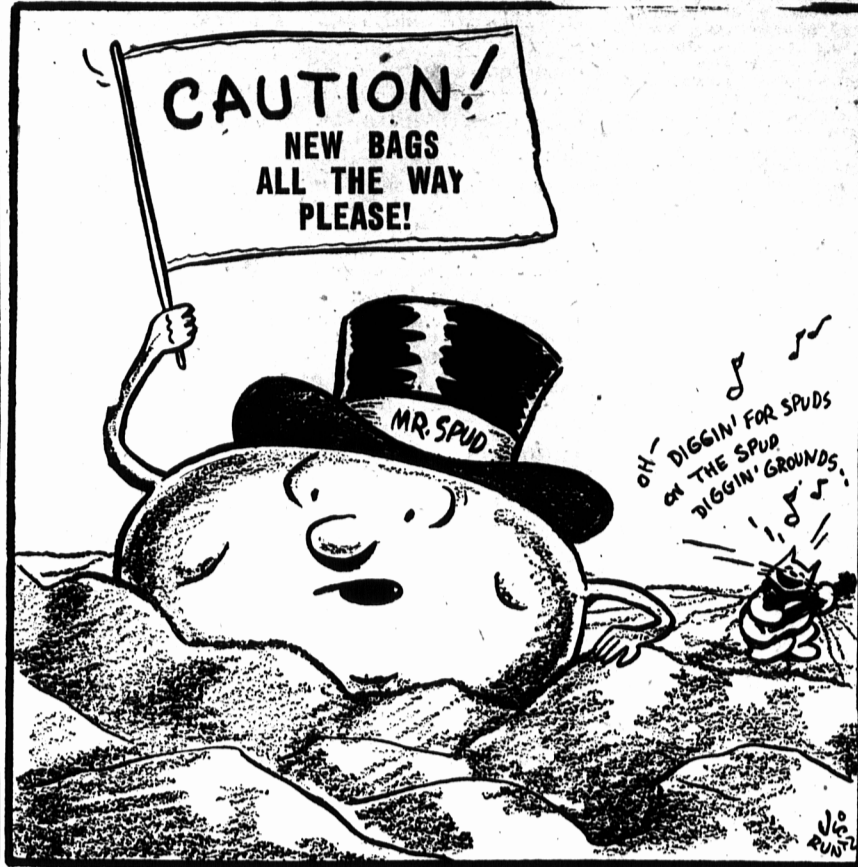
The world's scheduled airlines, as a result of the International Air Transport Association in Montreal, may adopt something very like the gold standard for book-keeping purposes. It is proposed to use some such unit as the international postal gold franc for the purpose of simplifying international fares.

Canada's exchange air cadet to Sweden, Sgt. Alan Massey of the Charlottetown squadron, was highly honoured by the report from the Minister of External Affairs for Sweden. The minister has written that he had conducted himself in a manner that reflected much credit on Canada and the Air Cadet movement, and that he had certainly proved himself a splendid example of Canadian youth.

It is not altogether correct that a proposed amendment to the Criminal Code will result in all the crimes for which a person may be charged being contained in one statute. Common law offences will no longer be crimes in Canada unless also provided for in the Code but Dominion statutes, Provincial statutes and numerous regulations made under statutory authority will continue to provide for punishment for their infraction.

Sir Alfred Munnings, English painter, was born this date 1878. He studied art at Norwich and Paris and first exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1898. His "Epsom Downs" is his best known work. During the First World War he painted a series of war pictures for the Canadian Government. An uncompromising critic of certain tendencies in modern art, he became president of the Royal Academy in 1944.

To Keep The Industry Healthy



The Poet's Corner

FROM AUTUMN
O Autumn, laden with fruit, and stained
With the blood of the grape, pass not, but sit
Beneath my shady roof; there thou
May'st rest.
And tune thy jolly voice to my
Fresh pipe,
And all the daughters of the year
Shall dance!
Sing now the lusty song of fruits
And flowers.
'The narrow bud opens her beauties to
The sun and love runs in her
Thrilling veins:
Blossoms hang round the brows of
Morning, and
Flourish down the bright cheek of
Modest eve.
Till clustering Summer breaks forth
Into singing,
And feather'd clouds strew flowers
Round her head.
'The Spirits of the air live on the
Smells
Of fruit; and joy, with pinions
Light, roves round
The gardens, or sits singing in the
Trees.'
Thus sang the jolly Autumn as he
Sat;
Then rose, girded himself, and o'er
The hills
Fled from our sight; but left
His golden load.
—William Blake.

Old Charlottetown

NEW BRUNSWICK WOOERS
"The traffic between Prince County and New Brunswick is rapidly increasing, and on the arrival and departure of the steamer, quite a stir exists at Summerside in landing and taking in passengers and goods; and what Islanders don't like to see, but can't help, the New Brunswickers every week taking away the handsomest of their women. These foreigners have heard that the daughters of the Island are very fair and beautiful, and they come over and go through the country to see what will turn up.
They form an acquaintance, and are invited to partake of the hospitality of the house, and by degrees the old man takes a liking to the stranger, who excels in farming, hunting, shooting and fishing, and with his stories and music he in a few days becomes a favorite. He tells them of the forests and rivers, the mountains, the prairies and wild scenery of New Brunswick. He accompanies the old man in all his excursions, and at night on his flute he plays to the household and the gathered-in neighbours, the airs of his native land, while the daughter listens as if dreaming. Soon the old man's consent is sought, who smokes his pipe a while and then consents. The Minister, taking his warrant from a Bible, with tremulous and earnest voice, questions, exhorts, prays, unites and blesses; and thus one by one the daughters are led away to the steamer, leaving their fathers standing at the doorway, and their sisters and mothers in tears and are borne off for the distant main.
—The Islander, Aug. 19, 1864.

The Age Old Story

And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? and he blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

Notes By The Way

Investments that sound good aren't always sound. —Hamilton Spectator.
One reason for smoking a pipe is that it goes out so often that it's the next best thing to giving up smoking. Which makes that Dutch pipe-smoking contest, in which the winner kept puffing steadily for 89 1/2 minutes, look rather pointless. — Hamilton Spectator.
An honest newspaper is a lens which focuses all the complicated happenings of the world each day into an understandable picture. It is a summary of how men are thinking and acting for good or bad, of what industry is achieving, of what city and provincial and national governments are doing for their citizens. And because it reports the bad as well as the good it is a weapon against evil. A wrong cannot long stay unrighted if it is publicized; government cannot override the wishes of the people as long as a free press dispassionately reports its actions and its policies. For the young man or woman who is beginning to take an interest in the world outside the boundaries of home and school and neighbourhood, the newspaper is an essential textbook. It is living history; it is a report on the ideas, ideals and customs of the times; it brings far places near; it is a study of human achievement, human follies and the sometimes strange workings of the human mind. Charles Lamb said: "The newspapers always excite curiosity"—and "without curiosity, without the inquiring mind, there is no wisdom." —Editorial for Young People, Hamilton Spectator.
The acquisition of the jet engine plant at Malton by the A. V. Roe Co., of Canada indicates that the great Hawker-Siddeley group is convinced that Canadian aviation has a great future. The purchase price is about \$17,500,000 and brings the total investment of the purchasers in this country up to \$40,000,000. The Malton jet engine plant builds the Oranda engine. That engine is used to power the CF-100, Canada unrivalled all-weather day-and-night fighter which will be used for interception purposes in the Canadian north-west. It also is used to power improved Sabre jet fighters which made an exceptionally good showing in combat in Korea. More and more British money is turning to Canada as a place for profitable investment. The Hawker-Siddeley companies represent the largest single investment made in this country by British interests. —Toronto Star.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer NAUTILUS
It is fitting that the first atomic submarine to be put in service has been named "Nautilus". No doubt it is a complicated piece of mechanism and the nautilus is as complicated in design and structure as any fish that swims. Its shell is divided into chambers ranging in number from twenty to fifty, according to the size of the fish, each chamber being larger than the one preceding it. The creature itself lives in the newest chamber. It may not be scientifically accurate to say that one chamber after another is abandoned as the "life" of the fish moves forward, but that is how it appears to the casual observer and that is how it must have appeared to Oliver Wendell Holmes when he wrote his famous poem "The Chambered Nautilus". Most literary critics say that this poem is America's greatest. Some have maintained that it is the finest piece of poetry ever written in the English language. It may be that the name of the submarine had the poem in mind, as well as the fish, when he finally settled on the name.
There is a tradition among sailors who frequent the South Seas that one species of the fish known as the "Paper Nautilus" (so-called because of its thin, paper-like tentacles) hoists its fins on windy occasions and makes them serve as sails to take it along the surface of the sea. Like many another tradition this one has not received scientific affirmation. No matter. In their own way and within their own limitations old traditions, even if they happen to be without foundation, are just as valuable as those things that can be scientifically substantiated. It will be a sorry and glamorous day when everything will be compelled to stand the test of science.
Somewhere in his travels in the South Pacific the poet comes on a wrecked nautilus. He recalls the life of the strange creature.
"This is the ship of pearl which, poets feign, Sails the unshadowed main. The venturous bark that flings On the sweet summer wind its purple wings..."
But the true poet is concerned with other things beside life, and the following lines, whatever else they may contain, certainly give a soulful description of the contrast between what was and what is:
"Recked is the ship of pearl!"

And every chambered cell, Where its dim dreaming life was wont to dwell, Before these lies revealed Its irised ceiling rent, its sunless crypt unsealed.
All this is charming language, but the poem rises to its crescendo of glory when it goes on to speak of the strange growth of the nautilus in its many chambers and of the "heavenly message brought by thee, child of the wandering sea."
"Year after year beheld the silent toil That spread his lustrous coil, Still, as the spiral grew, He left the past year's dwelling for the new."
This is a picture of patience of progress (not without toil), of adaptation to the new. Little by little, cell by cell, step by step, dream by dream, the nautilus goes on to fulfill the purpose for which it was created. Not without much effort, and probably some pain, was the transfer from one chamber to a larger one completed, but never is the final destiny forgotten.

Can man of his own freewill and choice do that which the nautilus must do in obedience to law? Can he outgrow his mortal shell by reaching out to the immortal? As one season or one phase of life succeeds another is the change for the better? Can the human soul keep marching on from one dwelling place to another with assurance that each one will be better and more spacious and more beautiful than the last?
These questions and others like them make up the theme of the poem which ends in language so lofty and in hopes so courageous that comment on one or the other would be out of place.

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