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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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The Queen's Birthday

Not since Queen Victoria's time has the anniversary of a reigning monarch been celebrated as "the Queen's birthday." Monday's observance in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II lags behind that of Britain's, which was held last Thursday.

Look Out For Your Next Astern

The report of the Grand Jury at Summerside deplored the prevalence of careless driving on the highway and recommended that traffic laws be far more rigidly enforced.

Trees in Bloom

There is something almost breathtaking about an apple tree in bloom. Flowers of all kinds may have beauty, may be fragrant and may warm the heart but the massed blossoms of the threes have all this and sweeten it with the promise of the fruit to come.

Outrunning Fiction

A reader has called attention to an old Island newspaper, "The Palladium", of May 2, 1814, containing reference to a six-column account in the New York Sun of the arrival of a "Steering Balloon" from England, at Charleston, South Carolina.

realities we take for granted nowadays. Who can picture what another century will bring in the way of transportation developments, and how it will completely change our Island economy and outlook!

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, Trinity Sunday. Monday, the Queen's Birthday.

We have been having good hay weather; there should be an abundant crop.

Summerside is welcoming Y's Men from all over the Maritimes attending their regional convention over the week-end.

Complaint is made since the recent by-election that members are deserting Parliament to visit their constituencies. There are reported to be more vacant seats now than at any other time this season.

On Monday Charlottetown will make holiday in honour of the Queen's birthday, except for those engaged in the Queen's business of considering how her Prince Edward Island subjects shall travel in future.

Norway separated from Sweden this date 1905 after the king of the two countries had vetoed a measure for a separate Norwegian consular service.

Once the debt burden is removed from the C.N.R. the recent amendments making the Income Tax applicable to that company may be noticeable. If so the surplus revenues will go into Government hands after all.

The \$3 a week increase in unemployment insurance benefits is regarded by some as putting them out of line with prevailing wage rates here. There is truth in that but at the same time such national measures tend to bring local scales of pay into line with the rest of the country.

Tempers are getting frayed at Ottawa as evidenced by the usually good-humoured Resources Minister Winters becoming annoyed at criticism of his tourist budget.

It was expected Premier McNair would announce a provincial election for New Brunswick this week, but the loss of the two ridings of Victoria-Carleton and Gloucester made him hesitate.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Sterling Walker, Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Arthur MacLean, Mr. Barry Bugden, Miss Florine Evans, Mrs. Fred Rananah, Mrs. S. Giddings, and Mrs. Charles Willett who have been mentioned by Mrs. Bertram Patterson as outstanding personalities in the city's dramatic productions.

The two-year-old Montreal vice probe is to be resumed as the result of a judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada which declared writs of prohibition were "an abuse of the machinery of justice."

Mr. McLure took advantage of an opportunity in the House of Commons to dilate on the excellence and far-famed reputation of this Province's cooking and delicacies. Many of the members know of them from practical experience, but it does good to rub them in.

The City Fire Brigade has been told by City Councillors Cudmore and McCormac that it is second-to-none, an appreciation which all will endorse.

Possible Unforeseen Developments



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) SUTHERLAND'S GEOGRAPHY

Legislative Assembly, Tuesday, April 23, 1951. Hon. Mr. Haviland made a motion to the effect that a sum be voted for the publication of the Rev. Mr. Sutherland's book, agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Education.

Hon. Mr. Whelan said he was always willing to encourage a work of this kind, but the members should have an opportunity of consulting its pages in order to ascertain its peculiar character.

Hon. Mr. Hensley said that though he was a member of the Board, the work was read at a meeting which he was not present at, and he had not read much of it.

Hon. Mr. Laird concurred. They knew nothing about it; it was more mysterious than the resolution respecting the breakwater at St. Peter's.

Hon. Mr. Haviland said the Board of Education had passed a resolution recommending the work and some deference should be paid to their judgment regarding what books were necessary for the public schools of this Island.

Hon. Mr. Thornton said birds of a feather flocked together; it was well enough for the Board to do so, but it was a novel thing to ask the House to do.

Hon. Mr. Thornton said that up to the 9th page, he thought the work pretty good and suitable for schools, for it contained merely a narration of facts; after that the author went into other matters, and made allusions to circumstances which, in his opinion, should not have been made; and among other things, there was an account of the Belfast riot, which was calculated to stir up angry feelings in the breasts of many.

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The Poet's Corner

IN TIME'S EYE

Cities and Thrones and Powers Stand in Time's eye, Almost as long as flowers Which daily die; But as new buds put forth, To glad new hearts put forth, Our of the spent and unconsidered earth The cities rise again.

The season's Daffodil, She never hears What change, what chance, what chill, Cut down last year's; But with bold countenance And knowledge small, Esteems her seven days' continuance To be perpetual.

So time that is o'er-kind To all that be, Ordains us e'en as blind, As bold as she; That in our very death And final sure Shadow to shadow, well persuaded, 'See how our works endure!'

Gregor's work could not be called a history, and for its early history, we were dependent very much upon tradition. In relation to the geography of the Island it was different.

Discussion being resumed on the following day (April 24) Hon. Mr. Hensley suggested that if it was desirable to have the book for the schools, it should be vigorously submitted to the inspection of the Government, and obtain their approval.

Hon. Mr. Whelan said this proposition was manifestly absurd, for, were it acted upon, the title story of P. E. Island, Geographical and Historical, with Emendations by the House of Assembly, which would cover the whole affair with ridicule; and certainly the learned author would refuse to comply with such a condition.

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The Age-Old Story

I will mention the lovingkindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindness.

Those who opposed Munich argued that it made war the more certain and that any gain in armed strength would be more than offset by the loss to the west of Czechoslovakia.

The documents give the exact strength of Czechoslovakia, and contain all guesswork from the calculation. The Germans, following the overthrow of Czechoslovakia in March 1939, took possession of the following quantity of Czech arms - 20,000 machine guns, 2,200 guns of other calibres; 1,800 anti-tank guns, 600 tanks "of excellent quality"; 750 airplanes; 1,500,000 rifles, 30,000 horses; A Czech army of nearly 1,000,000 highly trained men was lost to the cause of freedom.

Hon. Mr. Hensley said that in future the Estimates for the current year would be laid before the Assembly; this was the first time, he believed, it was done in the Colony, and the practice was since followed.

Hon. Mr. Haviland: "That is one of the strongest arguments in favour of having a history of this Island. There is a bit of information now commencing which the public would not have known had it not been for this circumstance."

Hon. Mr. Hensley said that another gentleman, Mr. Bagster, was publishing a history of this Island in 200 pages at his own expense, and it might not be justice to him to vote the sum proposed for the work before them.

Discussion on this subject was kept up for a long time, the motion being finally defeated on the following vote: Yeas, Hon. Messrs. McAulay, Pope, Gray, Longworth, Haviland, Messrs. Beer, Holm, Davies, Montgomery-S; Nays, Hon. Messrs. Whelan, Coles, Thornton, Hensley, Laird, Messrs. Owen, Howatt, Conroy, Doyle, Sutherland - 10.

Mr. Davies said he felt the need of such a work to put into the hands of intending immigrants.

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Notes By The Way

The Government has subsidized radio and television, but for most obvious reasons we want no part of subsidization of the press. The existence of a free, militant press is one of the principal factors ensuring the sovereignty of the will of the majority and the respect for the interests of all minorities.

City life hits a terribly fast pace. It can confuse even a grown man - and does, probably, in nine cases out of ten - is it not bound to be something of a handicap for a growing youngster? It may be that we will discover sooner or later that any large city is an unhealthy place to grow up in.

Some of our most cherished beliefs about the animal kingdom seem to be taking a beating these days. First there was the pronouncement by the elephant expert that elephants have no better memories than anyone else and would forget their own trunks if they weren't fastened on.

Addressing a Rotary Club luncheon in New York this week Hon. Brooke Claxton observed in an aside that he would like a new name for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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