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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Military Travel Costs

Some interesting statistics on the cost of feeding, paying and moving modern armed forces have been given to the Senate finance committee by Mr. R. E. Bryce, secretary of the Government Treasury Board.

Of the latter amount \$20.6 millions were for travel and transportation of 159,228 persons including active force 77,211; reserves 67,800; and defence civil servants 14,217.

Compare that with similar figures for the fiscal year 1938-1939; at that time the total travel and transportation cost was \$1 million to transport 64,236 persons.

The comment of the Treasury Department on this follows: "The difference in the pre-and-post-war per capita costs is accounted for by the change in the nature of the armed services; in 1938-1939 the forces were composed of numerically small static groups functioning at relatively few locations, whereas in post-war years the strength of the forces has been maintained at a much higher level, and in order to meet current requirements the forces have had to become a much more mobile force."

The opening up of new training centres and military development of the northern areas resulted in the greater movement of personnel and dependents which is reflected in the travel costs of each of the three services.

The treasury also points out that there has been an increase in Canadian mileage rates for transport of military personnel. In 1939 the rates were 2.5 cents per mile for the first class and 1.66 cents for coach class; the present rates are 3.25 cents per mile for first class and 2.33 cents per mile for coach.

Cultural Isolationism

It seems to be common ground for those who would like to see a distinctive Canadian culture flourish, that a great obstacle is the way in which we are constantly exposed to outside influences.

Even a glance at history, on the other hand, indicates that such a viewpoint is untenable. Every civilization that has arisen, made its advance on stimulation by contact with outside cultural influences.

If Canada listened to those who would ban outside influences her culture would be barren indeed.

Social Creditors

The small but militant group of Social Credit M.P.'s (says The Gazette) is burning up over a real or fancied slight. They're annoyed because Finance Minister Abbott has politely declined several challenges to a debate on the tenets of their fiscal faith.

let it be a Dutch battle. . . Since 1945, we have never been able to get a debate where mind meets mind and where we engage in a real honest-to-goodness debate. . . That's the trouble. A person cannot debate by himself any more than one bird can flock by himself."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Travel Bureau is one of the busiest places in the City these days, which is as it should be.

Big shopping was done by the ladies of the Institutes while in for the annual conference.

With a majority of only four, Britain's Labour M. P.'s are probably the most sweated class of organized labour in the world today.

"The Ladies with the Lamps" of Provincial progress and betterment have had a wonderful convention, and take back with them new oil of inspiration for their community endeavours.

The Crimea was evacuated by Allied forces this date 1856. A few months earlier Russia, by the Treaty of Paris, had abandoned all her claims upon Constantinople and over the Sultan's Christian subjects in Europe.

Hot weather here is probably too spasmotic to induce men to adopt such clothing as shirt and shorts for business wear. By the time the average office worker decides that something's got to give, the weather has changed and he must go through the whole process again.

It seems that in future our Ottawa parliamentarians will be heard even if the sound system must pick up their whispers. It is to be hoped that the system will prove flexible enough to serve those who ask questions as well as the member engaged in making a speech.

In looking for suitable monuments to the early settlers, which would provide some variation on the cairns generally used, old grist mills provide a ready answer. The Island has numbers of these great stones, with their associations with other days, and what better monuments would we wish for pioneer effort?

One faintly ridiculous aspect of the recent Massey Commission (says The Printed Word) is that the Commissioners should have felt it necessary to exhort the CBC to spend more time and money tooting its own horn. Few Canadians will have formed the impression that the CBC has been a shrinking violet, loath to seek public attention.

The 1950-51 annual report of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation hasn't been made public yet. It is awaiting the signature of Auditor General Watson Sellar before being printed. But preliminary figures (says The Gazette) now in the government's hands indicate that the CBC registered an over-all deficit of about \$1,272,000 in the period the report covers.

Continued inflationary influences in the Canadian economy are apparent, says the current issue of The Canadian Bank of Commerce monthly Commercial Letter. Rising incomes, growing defence demands, and a high level of capital formation are, on balance, contributing factors.

Studies In Expression



Rival Allied Rifles

(Montreal Gazette)

It is no secret that the original North Atlantic efforts to agree on a standard rifle and other small arms broke down in complete failure.

Although the two major partners of the North Atlantic Alliance had abandoned the project and had agreed that each should go his own way carrying his own pet rifle, the Canadian authorities couldn't and didn't.

Sauce For The Goose

(The Printed Word)

Management and organized labor alike have come in for a fair amount of criticism by official Ottawa for failing to "co-operate" in curbing inflation.

Some Bilingual Names

(Montreal Gazette)

One of the intriguing things about our bilingual inheritance is how it has caused names to lose their accustomed significance.

A Singing Star

(C. B. C. Times)

One of the outstanding singers of the Maritimes, soprano Audrey Farnell is featured in the program from the CBC Halifax studios which is heard each Sunday at 7:00 p.m. on Trans-Canada.

BODIES RECOVERED

RICHBUCKTO, N.B., July 10 (CP) — The bodies of Raymond Mazerolle, 26, and Mellen Mazerolle, 24, cousins, both of Richibucto, were found this afternoon in the Richibucto River off Munde's Point.

Old Charlottetown

(AND P. E. I.)

MISDIRECTED INDUSTRY

"William Ballard, shoemaker, of Charlottetown, was committed to Jail on Saturday last, by William Cundal, Esq., J.P., on suspicion of being concerned in counterfeiting British silver and 3s. Bank Tokens—the latter coin has been for many years current here at 3s. 4d. each.

The Age-Old Story

He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.

The Poet's Corner

FERDINAND

Over the half-door of the shed He tries to thrust his massive head. But they have nailed a bar of wood Across to thwart him, lest he should

Chas. R. McQuaid

B.A. BARRISTER, SOLICITOR

Palmer & Haslam

A. J. HASLAM, B.A., LL.B. BARRISTER, ETC.

Allison M. Gillis, LL.B.

BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC.

Joseph R. MacMillan, LL.B.

BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC.

BYRON J. GRANT O. D.

OPTOMETRIST

J. S. TAYLOR

Optometrist

J. A. CARRUTHERS R.O.

OPTOMETRIST

H. R. DOANE & CO.

Chartered Accountants

McDONALD, CURRIE & CO.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Notes By The Way

A Dutch atomic scientist who went to Argentina to study atomic energy developments there went home so quickly that he could hardly have had time to unpack his bag. He returned without comment.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The Alice-in-Wonderland character of the English language is well known to all who have any knowledge of the tongue. Take, for instance, "bough" and "bow", and "Bow" has two meanings, two pronunciations — and one spelling.

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