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Urgent Requirement

There should be general endorsement of the Summerside Board of Trade resolution urging better ferry service between this Province and the mainland. As we have emphasized in these columns on several occasions, the Causeway project should not be made an excuse for sidestepping this urgent matter.

As Mr. John Wright pointed out in speaking on the Summerside resolution, it will take five to seven years to complete a causeway if and when the Government deems it feasible to build one. From all accounts, the survey is progressing satisfactorily, and we are more confident than ever that eventually this great undertaking will be realized, linking us permanently with the mainland and ushering in a new era of progress and development for this Province.

Enjoy It Safely

The long Labor Day weekend is now upon us, with the attendant temptation to view it as one last fling at vacation. It will bring pleasure and healthy relaxation to millions, but to dozens of Canadians it will bring death.

Speed is the great killer on Summer highways. Speed too fast for conditions is the predominant cause of car accidents of all kind. To supplement the many straightforward urgings to car drivers to prevent tragedies on the road by moderating their speed, the Ontario Safety League is featuring a "Slow Down And Live" campaign at this time.

The National Safety Council has stressed the same point on many occasions. Its capsule advice this year to every driver deserves paraphrasing:

- 1. Cut normal speed by at least 10 miles per hour.
2. Concentrate on a safe arrival instead of a quick journey.
3. Don't drink and drive.

An Old Dream

Early in September delegates from 28 countries, including Canada, will meet in Royan, France, to discuss the possibility of creating some form of world government to keep the peace. This idea is by no means new. It is, in fact, a very old dream.

The chief obstacle, of course, is national sovereignty. And as Earl Ateele, former Prime Minister of Britain, pointed out in a recent article in "Saturday Review", each nation would be obliged to surrender some of its sovereign power as a necessary concession to world government.

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tion of Parliamentarians for World Government, the organization which is sponsoring the September meeting. The others are Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Pakistan and West Germany. The United States has not as yet given its sanction; and, according to a report we have at hand, is not sending representatives to Royan. Neither, as far as is known, is the Soviet Union, although at least one Communist country, Poland, is to be represented.

Just where the Canadian Government stands in the matter we have no way of knowing. We do not recall any official statement for or against. However, the fact that delegates from this country are planning to attend the Royan meeting might be interpreted as expressing sympathy with the idea.

AA Conference

The conference of the Central Maritime Zone of Alcoholics Anonymous, being held in Charlottetown today and Sunday, is representative of AA groups in 14 Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia communities.

While a great strength of the AA movement lies in the way in which it operates anonymously, a feature of the present conference is to be a meeting open to the public at the Capitol Theatre on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The point of the meeting is to encourage wider understanding of the way in which the AA fellowship works—of what it offers to the "sick alcoholic" who seeks recovery.

One belief of AA is that alcoholism, or compulsive drinking, is essentially a disease of the mind and body—that it should be attacked almost as a problem of public health rather than as a moral problem.

Whenever a community grasps that proposition, in the experience of AA, it quickly becomes a place in which the alcoholic has the best possible chance of halting the ravages of the disease which otherwise could destroy him. So one purpose of tomorrow's public AA meeting is to help make Charlottetown a city where the recovery hopes of the compulsive drinker are even higher than at present.

EDITORIAL NOTES

So "Daisy" didn't keep her scheduled appointment with us after all! This is one visitation that we can be devoutly thankful for having missed.

The Crapaud Exhibition today, the Queen's County Plowing Match on Monday and the Souris Exhibition on Wednesday are all important events in this agricultural Province; and in each case the competition promises to be keener and the attendance larger than ever before.

The main problem facing the fishing industry in this country is the small appetite most Canadians have for fish of any kind. At the present time the per capita consumption amounts to only about 13 pounds annually, one of the lowest in the world. If it could be boosted to 16 or 17 pounds—still a very low rate—there never would be any surplus of fish.

Bernard Baruch, American financier and adviser to presidents, has suggested that former Government leaders, including retired Presidents, be appointed to the National Security Council. He thinks that their experiences and abilities would strengthen the council. It is an idea that might be adapted elsewhere. In Canada, for instance, once political leaders are defeated at the polls or retired at their own request, that is about all that is heard from them. It seems to be a waste of talent and competence.

Dr. D. A. Keys, scientific adviser to the President of Atomic Energy of Canada, speaking at the Mount Allison University Summer Institute, recommended that the school curriculum be changed so as to allow elementary school pupils to study algebra, geometry and a foreign language. This, in effect, would be a return to the system of a generation ago. In the early 1900's it was not unusual for grade schools to teach these subjects.

The Communists have now turned to private initiative and private capital to assist in helping to solve the acute housing problem behind the Iron Curtain. A Moscow decree permits 10 or more citizens to form a co-operative to build an apartment building or suburban individual homes. The co-operative must deposit in advance the full cost of the project and the contract must be awarded to government construction organizations.



MOTHS IN OUR FLYING CARPET

U. K. OPINION

Crops Threatened By Steady Rain

By M. McINTYRE HOOD, Special London (Eng.) Correspondent for The Guardian

LONDON—The terrible August weather is the outstanding topic of conversation wherever one goes these days. Holiday makers have been flooded out of summer resorts, seaside beaches have been desolate and empty day after day, and still the rain continues. As this is being written, another thunderstorm is raging, and as we look out of the office window, we see a deluge of rain descending on Fleet Street. As we once heard the Scottish comedian say, "This is a Madam Butterfly summer—One Fine Day."

In a recent article, we mentioned some of the serious aspects of the continued rain and lack of sunshine from an agricultural point of view. Things look even worse now. Sir James Lunn, president of the National Farmers' Union, in an interview the other day, said that what had started off as a promising crop year, now looked like being an utter failure. A long spell of warm sunshine is urgently needed to make harvest operations possible. But after three months during which there has been only one week of bright sunshine, the outlook is not too optimistic, now that August is nearly over.

BRITISH EARNINGS

A key to the difference in living standards in the United Kingdom and Canada is seen in the report on wages issued by the Ministry of Labor and National Service. This report shows that the average weekly wage for all workers in industry, as of the end of April this year, was 10.14.1 pounds (M14-25%). The average weekly hours of work for all employed in industry was 46.2 hours.

For men workers only, the average weekly wage was 12.13.1 pounds (\$28.95). The average work week was exactly 48 hours. Thus it would appear that the average weekly wage in the United Kingdom is just about half what it is in Canada, and the work week over here is somewhat longer. The fact that people manage to get along fairly well, and to save money on these wages, gives a fairly good indication of the differences between Canada and Britain in costs of living.

UNION LEADERS WORRIED

Britain's trade union leaders are more than a trifle worried about the future of their movement. They are facing what is to them a disturbing trend. One of them, Trevor Jones, makes much of the fact that there is a definite decline in union interest and activity among the young people of the country. The trades unions have become a movement largely made up of active workers who are past middle life.

A reason is cited for this in an editorial comment in the Evening Standard. It points out that 30 years ago there was a crusading fervor about union work. The trades union were then fighting a grim battle against slump and unemployment. In these days, youth served gladly in union activities.

VISITORS WELCOME

Readers of The Guardian who visit London are cordially invited to visit the office of Canada Review, a Canadian newspaper published in the United Kingdom, and associated with this newspaper. The staff of Canada Review, headed by M. McIntyre Hood as editor, will be happy to welcome all visiting Canadians and to assist them with information, advice and guidance whenever possible. The address is 63 Fleet St., London E.C.4. Just a short walk from Trafalgar Square and St. Paul's Cathedral.

SEEKING TALENT

Rai Purdy, well-known Toronto entertainment impresario, now director of programs for Scottish Television, is starting a search of Scotland for musical talent. With the blessing and approval of Dr. Henry Havergal, Principal of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music, he is undertaking the most intensive search for artists Scotland has ever seen.

The first crop will be heard in the opening night of the program series, "Stars in Your Eyes" on September 15. To date, some 1500 candidates for audition have come forward—and the search has only begun. The program will go on every week for 26 weeks, and the winners will be embarked on a career in television show business.

The award awaiting the winner will be a ten-day holiday in New York, accompanied by a friend. The winner will there be auditioned by leading American television companies and will make a personal appearance on a New York TV show. And then, on returning home, there will be a six-week series of shows of Scotch TV. A number of successful runners-up will be auditioned by the leading British television companies operating in England.

THE KUWAIT SHEIKDOM

National Geographic Society

In the midst of the troubled Near East, the tiny sheikdom of Kuwait is gripped by a peaceful revolution. Based on an ever-rising tide of oil and money, it is changing the face and life of the nation.

Kuwait is the richest of the new oil-rich, says the National Geographic Society. Wedged between giant Saudi Arabia and Iraq at the head of the Persian Gulf, it is smaller than New Jersey. Yet below its desert sand and camel grass lies the world's largest known oil pool.

Skyrocketing output has shot Kuwait to first place among Near East oil producers. In global line-up, it ranks after the United States, Venezuela, and Russia. It provides half of Britain's crude oil imports.

Crosses of Kuwait's sticky treasure is His Highness Abdullah as Salim as Subah. His state is British protected, but his rule over his people is absolute, and the oil royalties go to him by dynastic law.

Had he so wished, His Highness could doubtless have become the world's most lavish spender—or its most affluent miser. Instead, he chose to invest the oil revenues in developing his country.

In the port city of Kuwait, the sheikdom's capital, old mud-walled houses have given way to concrete homes, public buildings, hospitals, and schools. Broad, paved avenues, along which white-robed Arabs drive gleaming American cars, replace narrow, winding alleys. Radio towers share the skyline with mosques and minarets adorned with flashing electric lights.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian, M.A. of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., has been appointed to the chair of Economics and Sociology in Prince of Wales College and St. Dunstan's University under the Carnegie Foundation endowment fund. Other appointments at

Tells Proper Pitch Of Voice

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. HOW is your voice? Do you speak in the proper pitch?

I'm not kidding. A couple of Seattle doctors have gone into the matter of speaking very thoroughly and they report that "improper pitch is a very common type of vocal abuse."

Moreover, they have developed a test, along with simple vocal exercise, which they say will help doctors aid their patients in establishing the proper pitch for the speaking voice and then maintaining that pitch.

Perhaps you have no speech problems. But if you speak in a voice that displeases you maybe you might try this easy little test. It probably would be fun to try even if you are perfectly satisfied with your own dulcet tones.

Doctors Heston L. Wilson and Warren R. Dawson have recently said that a person can determine his proper pitch by first singing his lowest note. Frequently, they say, this is the pitch employed for the speaking voice.

Next, sing the scale. Oh, I know you probably have not done that since your school days, but try it anyway.

A very definite change in the resonance and timbre of the tone occurs about the fourth full tone above the lowest note that you are able to sing.

You don't need a musically trained ear to note more pleasing quality of the voice at this level. In fact, you probably will be surprised at the ease with which you can sing these tones.

Doctors Wilson and Dawson have not stopped here. They also have devised a method of checking for the accuracy of this pitch. Place your fingers tightly in your ears and sing the scale again. Note the pitch at which your ears shake or vibrate the most. Generally, this is quite apparent, and I think you'll find that the tone is the same one you picked as most pleasing in the other test.

Next, hum while making a vigorous chewing motion. Don't try to hum a tune, only the note which is most comfortable for you. This tone is your normal speaking voice.

The Seattle doctors advise the humming and chewing motion as daily exercise. You must make a concerted effort to maintain this level during normal speech. As your ears become accustomed to it, you will soon will adopt this tone as your normal speech level.

QUESTION AND ANSWER R.W.: Is there a cure for pruritis? What is its treatment? Answer: In treating pruritis and the application of mercury ointment is often helpful. The under-clothing should be soft and non-irritating. The diet should be nutritious and you should drink a plentiful amount of water. Sedatives also are of some help.

The Poets Corner

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And map of where the Hanging Gardens grew, Shelley's defiance, Sappho's bright despair. Paper remembers old Mosaic Law.

A d' footprints of those birds we never saw. —BETTY BRIDGMAN in the Christian Science Monitor

STRATEGIC EXPORT

Almost all the world's supply of vanadium, used in making airplanes, is exported from Callao, Peru.

Prince of Wales College include Mr. John Connolly, B.A., and Mr. Hazen Wigmore, B.A.

The members of the Royal Commission on Banking and staff arrived in the Province last evening and are registered at the Canadian National Hotel. The first session of hearings will take place this morning. A brief prepared by members of the Provincial Government citizens will be presented by Mr. J.W. Boulter since it deals chiefly with agricultural matters.

TEN YEARS AGO

(August 30, 1948)

Home after a trip that took him both ways across the Atlantic by air and two-thrilled weeks in England and Scotland, Sgt. Robert Gay of the Summerside Air Cadet Squadron returned home over the weekend. One of a party of twenty-five air cadets and two officers from across Canada, Sgt. Gay enjoyed a tour of the main centres of England and Scotland during the two-week trip.

A group of twelve engineering specialists have arrived in Charlottetown to try out and observe a number of technical improvements which are being made on the four diesel locomotives now being operated on the Island by the C.N.R. The purpose of the research efforts is to eliminate a few "bugs" in the present equipment so that the same trouble will not be encountered in the machines now on order.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Light travels at an amazing speed until it hits some human minds.—Brandon Sun

London Transport hopes to save \$36,000 annually by lubricating its bus axles with castor oil. Many children hope that the practice will spread.—Edmonton Journal

An Englishman examining a 100-year-old gun was injured when it went off. People who lament "I didn't know it was loaded" often receive scant sympathy but this man will have the benefit of our doubt.—Ottawa Journal

Red China, according to a Reuters report, has produced its first luxury car, the Honchi Red Flag, credited with a top speed of 115 miles per hour. They cynic, after studying North American death records, might legitimately though callously, ask if this is a fresh attempt by Red China to solve the problem of overpopulation.—Victoria Times

The tiny republic of Andorra and Germany have been at war for forty-four years. Andorra signed a declaration of war in 1914 but forgot to add its signature to the Treaty of Versailles. Andorra, four times the area of New York City, has now set things right by a solemn declaration of peace.—Lousanne Gazette

In its recent annual report, the King Edward Hospital Charity Fund of London, England, tells how thousands of pounds sterling are being spent to bring quiet to hospital wards. Walls are sound proofed, trolleys are stopped from squeaking, and nurses wear noise less shoes. But the snore still baffles the experts, and the snorers snore on.—Hamilton Spectator

A Buffalo man dug through 14 tons of refuse at the incinerator before he found his wife's wedding and engagement rings which she had accidentally thrown away. The work took him forty-five minutes. Then five city workers took over and shovelled the same tons of refuse into a pit. It took them two hours.—Globe and Mail

The Age Old Story

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