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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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Need For Drastic Housecleaning

The gross irregularities revealed by the Currie report in connection with the army training camp at Petawawa will no doubt become a hectic issue in the Dominion election campaign...

In tabling the report, Prime Minister St. Laurent expressed the hope that its sweeping and severe statements would not be wrenched from their context for political purposes...

It can be said on the Government's behalf that the defense programme has grown to such gargantuan proportions that it would be almost impossible to eliminate all irregularities in administrative detail.

We have yet to hear from the Defense Minister, Mr. Claxton, but it is to be hoped that he will assume full responsibility for the laxity of his subordinates...

Dairy Industry Problems

Soon, notes The Country Guide, the dairy organizations across Canada will be meeting in annual conventions. Wherever they meet, dairymen will face unpleasant prospects.

"The truth," continues the Winnipeg farm paper, "is that the chemical age has caught up with the dairyman and taken him unawares. Science is without prejudice. It is organized knowledge as impersonal as a mechanical robot..."

iod of transition for which neither he, nor the dairy manufacturer, is prepared. The first and best defence against whatever the future may bring is a recognition of this fact.

"New products from milk may provide part of the answer. Clear proof of superior nutritive qualities of pure dairy foods may be another part.

Trade Matters Most

In the House of Commons it has been suggested that Canada's northern climate and production could well be paired with the tropical climate and production of the British West Indies by taking the island in as an 11th Province.

The Indies are in the sterling area and in the current restrictions by Britain in protecting the pound sterling, Canadian trade has been seriously hampered.

"Let the West Indies, comprising Jamaica, the Bahamas, St. Kitts, Nevis, St. Lucia, Dominica, Antigua, Barbados, Grenada, Trinidad, etc., have their own parliament," concludes our Sydney contemporary.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Ember Day.

The Prince Edward Island Art Society is to be commended on its initiative in bringing an exhibition of Royal Canadian Academy diploma works.

It is traditional, of course, that Prisoners of War be carefully guarded and any attempt at escape thwarted by all necessary force.

Lady Wonder, the talking horse from Virginia, has given out a good deal of advice recently and now has received some in return.

Sir Humphry Davy, English chemist, was born this date 1778. A physician, he did chemical research in his leisure which soon brought him fame.

It has long been a disadvantage as well as advantage of X-rays that they are difficult to bend. A new type of X-ray microscope which magnifies with X-rays instead of light and is claimed to have great potentialities in medical research has had its first trials at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge.

Hopeful Little Jack Horner



The Poet's Corner

EARLIEST WINDOW

Because my earliest window faced the north. I knew Polaris as a guiding star. The Great Bear and the Little Bear came forth.

Nor dreamed that other eyes looked up to see The Southern Cross and major stars that burned.

—B. Y. Williams in The Christian Science Monitor.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

POLICE STATION QUARTERS

"Councillor Chappelle, at the meeting of the City Council held on Monday evening last, submitted a resolution, asking that a committee of two be appointed to procure a proper building for a Police Station, and report on next regular night of Council.

—The Examiner, May 11, 1881.

Later (May 14) The Examiner reported that the Council committee had recommended "the portion of the building opposite the present quarters for a new Police Station. The Hook and Ladder truck will remain there but a partition will divide the room, the opposite portion of which will be arranged in good order for the purpose. At the end of the building five comfortable cells will be constructed, capable of accommodating at least fifteen prisoners.

(The Police quarters at this time were situated in what was known as the old Court House building on the western corner of Queen Square, which served the combined purpose of a City Council chamber, Mayor's and Police Court, Post Office and Lockup. The present City Hall which houses the Police Station was not built until 1888.)

TWEEDS and WORSTEDS FROM THE AULD SOD Tailored to Measure \$36.00 and up J. P. MacPHERSON & SON 137 Queen Street

The Queen's Crowns

(Colin Frame in The Star, London, England)

Although a Coronation is mainly concerned with things of the spirit, the rules which govern it lay emphasis on many material and tangible things—costly, glittering and ornamental.

These are the trappings of Majesty, symbolic and historic, which are nowadays described as The Regalia. The older, simpler and more beautiful term is The Ornaments.

Oldest of them, as they lie in the Abbey next June in all their sparkling splendour awaiting their short moment of use, is a spoon.

It is a silver spoon, gilded but thin with age and wear. Into it the oil is poured for the Anointing. It is believed to date from the twelfth century.

And it may have been used at the Crowning of the first of the Plantagenets, Henry II, or Richard the Lion Heart.

Four little pearls grace the handle and the bowl is engraved like a flower.

This fragile, lovely thing, touched by the pious fingers of Cranmer and Whitgift, gazed upon by the eyes of Kings and Queens ever since the Crusades, is all that remains of the old Coronation ornaments.

Then, zealous to expunge the trappings as well as the idea of Monarchy from England, the Puritan Parliament melted them all down and broke them up.

Had it not been for this shocking action, the Queen next year might have been crowned with "King Alfred's crowne of gould wyerwork set with slight stones and 2 little bells" and in such a Crowning there would have been nearly 1,100 years of continuity.

But for the vandalism of 1649, the Queen might next June have taken Communion wine from the chalice the saintly Edward used, or handled the comb he used to dress his hair for his Coronation.

All were swept away. The kingly robes of cloth-of-gold and rich embroidery were sold, some of them for a shilling.

Only the little spoon, broken but now repaired, remains.

Twelve years later Parliament, not for the last time, found that they had acted rather hastily and to the nation's cost. Charles II was on the Throne. Regalia was

required for his Coronation. So a complete new set was ordered and made, as near as possible like the Crowns, Sceptres and Swords destroyed.

The Ornaments used today date from the Coronation of 1661. Parliament put the total value at about £2,647. Replacement cost about £32,000. Not surprisingly, perhaps, the Royal Goldsmith had to wait for his money.

For those Ornaments of 1661, his receipt—for a first payment of £21,000 by the Treasury—was dated 1667.

Part of the Ampulla, the nine-inch high golden eagle in which the Anointing oil is kept, is very old but it was rebuilt at this time.

The oil used at Coronations is called Chrisam. Sometimes it is a mixture of olive oil and balsam.

But no one knows what was in the oil used at Henry IV's Coronation, for it was said to be miraculous oil sent down from Heaven to St. Thomas a Becket, the murdered Archbishop.

It was kept over the years and now, mercifully, is no more. Queen Elizabeth I complained of the smell of the oil used at her crowning.

Although the Crowns in The Regalia are comparatively new—for what are 300 years in the Coronation Story?—they bear old names. The one which is used for the actual Crowning, is called St. Edward's Crown. The other is the Imperial Crown.

St. Edward's Crown, with its two great golden arches encrusted with pearls, glowing with rubies, starred with the cooler green of turquoises, weighs more than 5 lbs.

But even then it sounds to be lighter than the one used in Medieval times when there are records of knights standing on each side of the King to help him bear the Crown on his head.

In the Imperial Crown, which is lighter and which is worn for the procession after the Act of Crowning, there are precious stones which we used in the earliest days and which were saved from the Cromwellian sabotage.

Pearl earrings worn by Elizabeth I, a gleaming sapphire from the Stuarts, another set boldly on top which is the sapphire of Edward the Confessor and "a fair ruby like a rocket-ball" (as Elizabeth described it) which once lay in the gallant hand of the Black Prince and now fronts the central cross—all these are to be seen in this majestic Imperial Crown, set in gold and glowing with all the suns that shone on other ages.

There are said to be in this Crown 2,873 diamonds as well. Four huge ornamented swords form part of The Regalia.

One is the Sword of State which should by rights be girded on the Sovereign before the crowning, but it would need a giant to wear it

Notes By The Way

One wonders if it's necessary for government officials to attend every convention and meeting of just about every organization from here to Quebec and down to Florida and back, and often much farther afield.

Owing to an increasing number of broken elbows and arm injuries in automobile crashes, an American surgeon suggests that windows in the windmill should be Or, the window sills should be lower to the arm being outside the car when a sideswipe occurs.

Three other swords are carried by noblemen before the Sovereign in procession. One has a sharp point—the Sword of Justice to men; one has a rounded end—the Sword of Justice to the Church; and the third, the Curtana, has a broken point—the Sword of Mercy.

When Edward VI, at the age of ten, saw the sword of the Regalia he is said to have remarked: "One of them should be a Bible, for that is the sword of the spirit."

And it is said that when her advisers urged her to marry Queen Elizabeth I lifted up her finger, showed the ring she had been given at her Coronation and said that she was wedded to England who was her husband.

Two Sceptres and an Orb complete The Regalia that will be seen again next year. Sceptres have been symbols of power since Roman times. Emperors carried them in Rome. And at the crowning of King Edward in 973 the Sceptre with the Sword and Crown were the only ornaments he was given.

One Sceptre, a yard long and starred with a diamond 2 1/2 inches across, carries a Maltese Cross. It represents Power and Justice. The other is longer still and carries a white dove of enamel mounted on a globe. It represents Equity and Mercy.

The Orb—"The Golden Ball" Archbishop Cranmer called it—now has a cross on it, its foot on a huge amethyst. It symbolises that the whole earth is subject to God.

One by one these precious ornaments will be handed to the Queen next year. One by one she will hand them back to the Church until the Abbey Altar glitters and glows with them as if on a fire.

can be both dangerous and soporific. Drivers may not be willing to forego comfort but at least they should keep their arms inside.—London Free Press.

A child patient in a Calgary hospital needed watermelons in her treatment. It was a tough order but she got them, thanks to the big heart of an Orlando, Florida, produce man, who heard about the case. The world still has its Good Samaritans.—Lethbridge Herald.

The starlings that fly from the surrounding country to roost each night in central London are known to everyone who has passed through Trafalgar Square at sundown, and some 90,000 roost in St. James's Park alone in July when numbers are at their height. And yet, 100 years ago the starling was actually rare enough to be kept as a cage bird in Britain.—BBC Bulletin.

From the standpoint of geography and economics, however, the development of trans-Arctic airlines, eventually to a very great extent, appears highly desirable if not inevitable. If the government negotiators see it that way, Edmonton may hope to gain still more by its advantageous geographical position in a world where most of the great land masses and nations are concentrated in the northern hemisphere around the North Pole.—Edmonton Journal.

Give Mrs. Lippie P. Goad, teacher in charge of New York's Public School 69, credit for a fine drill plus. When the school furnace began smoking she marched the children out—not into the heavy traffic of Manhattan streets but by groups into an art museum, a restaurant, and a nearby home, where the mother of one of the pupils turned on a television.—Christian Science Monitor.

September is the favorite month of grape lovers in Turkey who will tell you that this delicious fruit is at its luscious best in the first of the fall months. Perennial reducers turn to grapes, to a diet which calls for one pound of grapes per day during the first week, two pounds during the second week, and four pounds per day during the third week. These quantities are to be reduced a pound a week during the fourth, fifth and sixth weeks of diet. This intake of grapes is supplemented by one or two cookies or toast, milk or tea each day.—Turkish Information.

The Age-Old Story

And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab; and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also. . . . And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. And when the morning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.

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