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Big Week in Prospect

Monday is Dominion Day and a public holiday, and this year it also marks another big milestone, as it will be the opening day of the regular schedule of Charlotte-town's first Festive Week programme, with ceremonial parade, sports, street dancing and other activities.

Next week we hope to show our fellow-Canadians what we can do in the way of entertainment on a big scale, and also something of the beauties and advantages of our Island Province and its capital.

Pulpwood Sources

In order to give the public more intimate information with respect to the material which goes into the manufacture of pulp and paper the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association has had prepared a booklet entitled "Trees".

In an article on the forest harvest, readers are reminded that the forests "remain a great bastion of Canadian commerce".

Wrong Side

One of the worst highway menaces, according to a survey by an American insurance company, is the driver who uses the wrong side of the road.

Off the pavement, on secondary dirt or gravel roads, the practice is even more general. It seems to be very nearly irresistible for car drivers to follow the same beaten track whichever way they may be headed.

Korea's Significance

Perhaps the clearest way of assessing the significance of the Korean war, says the Winnipeg Free Press, is to picture the probable course of events if aggression had gone unchecked.

having one of its satellites attack Yugoslavia or by having Eastern Germany attack Western Germany. Somewhere in this catalogue of misfortune and disaster would have been the spark to start another world war.

In place of that tragedy, the free nations for the first time in history have united in collective resistance to armed aggression; the war has been localized in Korea and is being fought with success; and all the democracies under the spur of the Korean crisis have greatly increased their defence preparations and are better equipped now to meet any Russian assault than they were a year ago.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, 6th Sunday after Trinity.

Festive Week opens with Dominion Day services in the churches, a good beginning for visitors and natives alike.

The pillory was abolished in England this date 1837. In 1816 it had been abolished for all offences except perjury for which the offender continued liable to have his ears nailed to the pillory.

This generation of Canadians has got into the habit of welcoming Dominion Day with the uneasy feeling that each may be the last, before someone unknown decides that it should be celebrated under some other designation.

O'Keefe's and Glenfinnan Lakes are the Mecca for anglers starting tomorrow as the season opens for Rainbow trout. The limit of three daily and the requirement that they be taken only with artificial flies guarantees against any wholesale slaughter.

Drowning tragedies emphasize the necessity for constant attention to safety precautions in boats or in the water. The ability to swim and having life preservers handy may make a possible fatality merely a holiday incident.

There is little to commend the proposal to bring home Canada's dead from Korea. Their graves in the land where they fought the first battle against war itself provide a more fitting final resting place than even the land of their fathers.

Toronto Board of Control has decided to make a personal appeal to Defence Production Minister Howe for a permit to use steel already cut out for the Moss Park Recreation Centre in the city's east end.

Next week promises to be one of the busiest and most hectic in Charlottetown's history. The programme arranged is comprehensive and varied, with events daily to interest nearly everybody.

As an explanation of the current financial difficulties of many Canadian municipalities, President P. H. Boivin at the convention of the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities quoted these comparisons of the division of the taxpayer's dollar:

Table with 2 columns: Year (1930, 1948) and Percentage (40%, 12%; 22%, 20%; 38%, 68%) for Municipal, Provincial, and Federal Government.

In the past (says the Financial Post) too often the various authorities have gone ahead with their budgets with little regard to the needs of the other or the fact that all the money was coming out of one pocket.

Advancing money to foreign countries while neglecting local interests does not always pay. Minister of Trade Howe in 1949, made \$850,000 in advances to George T. Davie and Sons, Ltd., shipyard "for the purpose of enabling that company to complete and to deliver ships to the Ming Sung Industrial Company, Ltd."

Proudly We Sing



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) THE NEW KIRK

The foundation stone of the present St. James Church building in Charlottetown—known for years as "The New Kirk"—was laid on June 7, 1877, by the Minister, Rev. Kenneth MacLennan at an impressive ceremony at which all denominations of Protestants in the Province were represented.

In congratulating the congregation on their decision to build a suitable new edifice, Rev. Mr. Patterson recalled that in 1824, when he set foot first upon the shores of Prince Edward Island, there was not a single Presbyterian place of worship in Charlottetown, and only three Presbyterian ministers in the Island.

The contractors for the erection of the church, at a cost of about \$20,000 currency, were Messrs. James K. MacDonald, New Glasgow, C. MacDonald, Londonderry, N.S., and William H. Fraser, Westville, N. S., who had undertaken to complete the building on the first day of October, 1878, according to the plans and specifications of David Stirling, Esq., architect, a member of the firm Messrs. Stirling and Dewar, Halifax and Charlottetown.

The names of the office bearers at that time, will be of interest today: Kirk Session: Rev. Kenneth MacLennan, minister; John Mackieson, M.D.; Col. the Hon. John H. Gray, C.M.S.; Peter Gregor, Archibald Kennedy, John McPherson, Alexander Brown, Alexander McKinnon, Elders.

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The Poet's Corner

FROM AN ODE FOR DOMINION DAY We are a people marching down the ages, O'er golden seas, beyond the mountain's crest; Our legacy of warriors, bards and sages Shall guide us still on truth's and beauty's quest.

The Age-Old Story

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear

Values We Believe In

(Royal Bank Monthly)

We of the democracies believe that there is a scale of values in life, from the simplest comforts of everyday living right up to the highest satisfactions of love, virtue, intellect and creative achievement.

Some persons love to quote a proverb in excuse for their ignorance: "A little learning is a dangerous thing. Ignorance trips us into sin."

From gathering knowledge to thinking is but a short step. Thinking is not a lazy, idle, passive mental occupation. It is strenuous work of the intellect, and its aim is understanding. It may begin by upsetting our complacency. As we compare this with that we may find relationship and differences we did not know existed.

There are three steps in thinking: collecting the facts through observation or experience; explaining them tentatively by a hypothesis or an "informed guess"; confirming this hypothesis by patient observation. This method leaves no room for taking things for granted, or for jumping to conclusions, or for basing of hearsay (which, we

must remember, may be prejudiced or coloured).

If there is any clarion note to be sounded in the democracies today it is this: "Don't give in to chaos." We must not allow ourselves to become so accustomed to the lower tone of the existence we are at present compelled to live that we lose the virtues and capacities we have so hardily won.

It is no easy job to tidy up our intellectual and spiritual universe, but we need to do it if we are to avoid bewilderment and to escape chaos, if we are not to allow all of our generations of progress to be whittled down to destruction by an era of violence and terror.

Realization of what is happening and that we should do something about it are the first steps out of bewilderment. Like the dice-player, we cannot tell what may be thrown; but carefully and skillfully to make use of what is thrown, that is where our proper business begins.

There are no clear-cut prescriptions that will apply immediately to our particular headaches. Having learned and thought, we need to associate ourselves with others dedicated to serving the high principles in which we believe.

We need to become not patrons but active participants, perhaps not in big things, but in the innumerable little ways that in the aggregate make up our way of life.

Little things must be considered important, just as we must guard against the outstanding weakness of democracy: a sense of the insignificance of personal effort in national and international affairs.

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Notes By The Way

Despite the prospect of heavy expenditures on rearmament, and on similar precautions against war, such as civil defence, we do not think many of our countrymen will object to the proposal of the Massey Royal Commission to house the National Gallery in a new and more spacious building.

A valuable contribution to the continent-wide traffic safety campaign is a little booklet which has been prepared by the Seiberling Rubber Co. of Canada Ltd., and is being distributed by the company and its dealers across the country.

Until recently many Easterners thought of Western Canada as a land of isolated farms and roving made up his mind he was just as well rid of such a wife, there would have been no thousand ships launched, and no battle of Troy.

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