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First School Unit

The creation of School Unit No. 1 was an experiment in enlarging the administrative unit for the operation of schools beyond the boundaries of a single municipality.

It is true, as the Commission has found, that the cost of the combined operation is greater than individual school boards might have gone to had there been no amalgamation.

The findings of the commission will appeal to all who have the advancement of education in this Province at heart. It is possible, of course, to find fault with particular aspects of the report and of the existing set up.

The most desirable solution, indeed, was outside of the terms of reference of the Commission. The villages in question would be better off in fact all of Charlottetown and its suburbs would be better off if for all municipal purposes there was a centralized administration.

"Quebec" "Iroquois" "Huron"

One of the highlights of this Centennial year for Charlottetown is the unusual frequency of visits by ships of various naves and a very special welcome is extended, of course, to our own Royal Canadian Navy.

The Royal Canadian Navy is not particularly large as navies go, although in the First World War it managed to put to sea a larger number of ships than the peacetime Royal Navy.

The ships are modern, well armed, efficient and appropriate to the tasks which they are or may be called upon to undertake. They carry a high proportion of young men under training who are also college students or active in other walks of life.

Canada's navy is designed for an old fashioned role, that of being a safeguard for those at sea upon their lawful occasions. It is not an offensive navy, in the sense that one would be which placed emphasis upon submarines or long range cruisers.

Certainly it is superbly adapted to its particular tasks and Canadians are proud of their naval service and Islanders are glad to welcome these representatives of their Navy, as they are proud to have them "show the flag" elsewhere.

The Three Young Men

The three American soldiers who have returned to their homes, following a disillusioning experience as converts to Communism, are well aware that the joy of their families and friends over their change of mind will be offset to some degree by the frowns of government officials who, quite understandably, are perturbed over the course the young men took at the time of the Korean prisoner exchange.

Certainly, if the young men did anything treasonable or otherwise inimical to their country's interests, it is right that they should be brought to book for it. If, however, their only crime was that of accepting Communism when they were given the right of choice, there will be many persons in all free nations who will wish that the United States Government will deal gently with them.

munist "brain-washers" do their nefarious work on those who are luckless enough to fall into their hands. The marvel is not that a few prisoners succumbed to the evil machinations, but that so many remained strong and steadfast in spite of them.

It would seem that the three young men are now in a position to render a great service to their country by exposing the pretensions of Communism in a way that is more dramatic and more convincing than the academic criticism of those who know them only from hearsay. They have been there. They know at first hand what it is to live in fear and dread of a callous and cruel political system which disregards fundamental human rights.

The Better Way

It is clear that, whatever their differences of opinion may be with respect to the possible results of the coming "parley at the summit", Prime Minister Eden and Foreign Secretary MacMillan are approaching the event in a mutually agreeable mood of cautious optimism. Neither is expecting too much; neither is anticipating failure.

Mr. Dulles does not share the President's cheerfulness. True to his reputation as "the great pessimist", he sees no good, hears no good, and hopes no good, so far as the summit talks are concerned. Indeed, for a while it looked as if his doubt and scepticism might dissuade the President from having anything whatever to do with the proposed meeting.

This divergence in views between two important officials of the same government would seem to be unfortunate. Not that it signifies any disagreement regarding the aims of the Big Four meeting or that Mr. Eisenhower is less alert than Mr. Dulles to the possible dangers that might be lurking in Geneva. On these important points the two men must be in accord, else, it can be supposed, Mr. Dulles would not continue to hold office as Secretary of State.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Reports from Iowa indicate that this year's marketing of pigs will be heavy, 9% more than in 1954. This probably will mean a drop in the price of pork which now is around \$19 a hundredweight, about \$3 higher than it was a few months ago.

It is like a page out of a boy's adventure serial to read in the news that 85 Foreign Legionnaires deserted at Port Said, including 60 Germans, 10 Austrians, six Spaniards, four Iranians, two Italians, two Belgians, one Turk, one Moroccan and one Pole.

Pity the long-suffering San Salvadorians! Candidates for the Presidency are said to be turning up at all sorts of social functions, and some have gone in for house to house visits, although the election is a year away. People in these parts complain of only a month of that sort of thing.

The Ford Motor Company is to be congratulated on making available seat belts for its automobiles. Safety experts have for some time advocated such a measure but the industry has been inclined to fight shy of it. It is to be hoped that other manufacturers will follow the present lead towards safer driving.

A good deal of comment is to be seen in publications from other Provinces to the effect that our Provincial Government wants the Hillsborough Bridge and the Federal Government does not, so that a solution is obvious. There is the point, however, that the Province claims Ottawa is bound by agreement to keep up the bridge; a proposition that can only be settled by the Exchequer Court or by agreement.



Interlude

Edinburgh Scotsman Completes A Century

Centennials, even in this new land, crowd thick and fast on each other's heels. But the older lands aren't exempt. Just come to hand is the centennial edition of the Edinburgh Scotsman.

A casual glance at the wide front page would not suggest anything untoward to celebrate. Here is the familiar modest caption, the scroll with the simple words, The Scotsman, surrounded by a symbolical thistle with three blooms.

Down in the lower right a brief black-faced news item from Pittsburgh with the modest head, Latest News. Strike Threatened in U.S. Steel Industry.

And the rest of the wide page packed with condensed advertising or display advertising that looks like condensed, that refuses to baffle or bellow. That front page of the Edinburgh Scotsman's centennial edition is packed with advertising, even to the ears.

But, opening the paper wide, the inside pages disclose the story of the Scotsman from its first emergence as a weekly on Burns Day, January 25, 1817 and its transformation into a daily on Friday June 29, 1855—a hundred years ago.

The front page consecrated to paid advertisements is a British newspaper tradition. Not, however, the tradition of "The Scotsman, or Edinburgh Political and Literary Journal," as the weekly was first styled. No. 11, Saturday, April 25, 1817 devotes the three wide columns of its page to a leading article on "The Love of Glory."

But by Friday, June 29, 1855, when The Daily Scotsman emerged, the day before the final removal of the newspaper stamp duty, the consecration of the front page to paid advertising seems to have been fully established.

When the Weekly Scotsman first appeared, Waterloo was a scant eighteen months in the past, and Britain was entering on a troubled era. "Industry and commerce had not revived with peace, employment was scarce, taxation was heavy and pauperism was rife. Constitutional freedom, especially on the Scottish side of the border, was a lower ebb than at any period since the time of the Stuarts."

The present-day historian draws a graphic picture of the manner in which Toryism, aided by the newspaper stamp duty, then muzzled the press newspaper space and facilities being too restricted for immediate reporting and discussion of day-to-day affairs and controversies.

Charles MacLaren was the 34-year-old son of a Haddingtonshire farmer. His friend, William Ritchie, was a solicitor in the Supreme Court. Refusal of the Edinburgh newspapers to publish a statement by Ritchie exposing gross mismanagement in the Edinburgh Infirmary inspired the project of starting a newspaper.

In all, seven men took up 16 shares of 20 pounds each to finance the project. Ritchie, MacLaren and John McDiarmid being named "observable editors." So dangerous was the expression of free opinion that several backers insisted their names be kept secret.

The Weekly Scotsman had a modest birth in two small rooms at 347 High Street, a part time clerk at 40 pounds a year being sufficient to handle the commercial side of the business. The price was ten pence an issue; and the sponsors calculated that 300 subscribers would enable the venture to pay its way.

Medically Speaking

RINGWORM ANTISEPTICS

Treatment of athlete's foot or ringworm isn't confined solely to treating the infection itself. There are other precautions you must take.

Seal the Box

Fill a wide-mouthed jar with absorbent cotton, then pour in formalin until it fills one fourth of the jar. Place the jar and your shoes or slippers in a shoe box or similar container, but be careful not to spill the formalin on the leather.

Boil Towels

Care should also be taken with towels and cotton socks. Boil these articles for 10 minutes after you use them.

After Each Bath

After each bath, wash the tub and the bathroom floor with a 2 per cent cresol or 0.1 per cent bichloride of mercury solution. Soak the bathmat you have used in a 2 per cent cresol solution and then wash it.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

D. A. C.: Can hemorrhoids cause irregular bleeding from the rectum? Answer: Hemorrhoids are a frequent cause of irregular bleeding from the rectum. The blood in such cases is bright red.

The Poet's Corner

REDEMPTION

Having been tenant long to a rich lord, Not thriving, I resolved to be bold, And make a suit unto him, to afford

A new small-tenanted lease, and cancel the old. In heaven at his manor I him sought:

They told me there, that he was lately gone About some land, which he had dearly bought.

Long since on earth to take possession, I straight returned, and knowing his great birth,

Sought him accordingly in great resorts; In cities, theatres, gardens, parks, and courts:

At length I heard a ragged noise and mirth Of thieves and murderers: there I him espied

Who straight, 'Your suit is granted,' said, and died.

—George Herbert.

RAINBOW METERS

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP)—Kitchen parking meters may soon be in technical. The traffic committee recommended to council Thursday that time limits on city meters be varied in different areas and that meters be painted in various colors to indicate length of time parking is allowed.

Happy Holidays!

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A. Walthen Gaudet, LL.B. Phillips Bldg. 111 Grafton St.

Palmer & Haslam Bank of Nova Scotia Bldg.

Matheson, Peake & Nicholson 135 Grafton Street

J. A. MacGuigan Currie Bldg. - Dial 9424 - Queen St.

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ARTHUR J. GARRETT Palmer Electric Building 150 Fitzroy Street Dial 5881

NOTES BY THE WAY

The bustling community of Blakely, Ga. has erected a monument to the peanut. This is believed to be the world's first statue of the city into the country. But the automobile also created the suburbs is that same country, and today a situation is arising in which automobile congestion may demand a revival of some similar transit system serving, this time, to get people from the country into the city.—Hamilton Spectator.

Among those who have made the Stratford Shakespearean Festival the splendid artistic success that it is today no one has made a greater contribution than its director, Dr. Tyrone Guthrie. He has been an inspiring part of it since its inauguration three years ago and the stamp of his genius is upon it. The current rumors that Dr. Guthrie does not propose to take an active part in the Festival next year would have little substance were it not for the fact that the Festival is securely established. It is now, he states, "the nature of an institution."—Toronto Telegram.

Many people are addicted to over-statement. It is easy for them to exaggerate and difficult to refrain from doing so. Understatement is less prevalent, but the English are masters of it. In its own way, it can be as impressive—or more so—than over-statement. This is illustrated by an advertisement in a London, England, newspaper offering a cottage for rent in the Aegean Islands. Instead of extolling the beauty of the Grecian Isles, it states frankly the cottage is four hours from Athens—relatively remote. Instead of boasting of its equipment, it simply states the cottage is possessed of "all medieval conveniences." Yet, by understatement, the advertisement does lend appeal. It portrays a quiet cottage, by the lovely Aegean, far from the maddening masses of a city. Lack of modern conveniences only adds to its quaint character.—Windsor Star.

The essential fact of life in Canada today is that its price level is the highest in the world. Far from being ashamed of this and seeking to remedy it—for example, through a healthy slash in taxes—the Canadian Government takes it for granted; seems, indeed, to derive a certain satisfaction from it. If there are people in this world who buy and sell cheaper than we do, well that is their hard luck. Prime Minister St. Laurent reflects this complacency when he defends the sale of Canadian butter to Communist Czechoslovakia at a price to that country's consumers of about forty cents a pound—a good twenty cents less than Canadian consumers pay for it. The Czechs, he intimated to the House on Friday, aren't really getting the butter cheap; they are simply getting it at the European world price. Similarly, the Canadians aren't really paying a lot for butter. As Mr. St. Laurent put it to the House on June 30, the price they pay "is in line with the general scale of prices in Canada."—Toronto Globe and Mail.

A football pools firm has changed hands for a purchase price of £1,050,000; the net profit for the year ending July 31 next is expected, state the directors of the purchasing company, to exceed £200,000 before taxation. The firm concerned is William Hill (Football), Ltd. carrying on business as fixed odds pools promoters. Lionel Barber, chairman of Holders Investment Trust, Limited, states in a letter to his stockholders that the company has acquired, as an additional investment, the whole of its issued capital.—London Times.

Anyone who has noticed the added verve and self-confidence which comes into a marcher's step when the band strikes up can guess what happens to a walker's poise when his shoes begin to squeak. The squeaky shoe is to the walker what the persistent heckler is to the talker. It just keeps wearing down its wearer while it hurts most—that is, on his self-importance. But it is a threat to a more valid sense of decorum too. It can take the dignity out of an ambassador's courtliest approach, and put comedy into a general's stride.—Daily Mercury.

We met a pleasant lady recently who told us that she never read newspapers. They depressed her. They harped on crime, international quarrels and disaster of every kind. She thought they should have a keener sense of responsibility, and try to do good in the world. The bad news often gets prominence simply because it is extraordinary. It will be a bad day for the world when newspapers have to report murder and sudden death as a matter of course, and run a banner headline when a baby is born, or when two people decide to try the adventure of life together.—Peterborough Examiner.

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