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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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Commonwealth Development

In its perhaps slow, but consistent, evolutionary process the British Commonwealth continues to expand. The British wisely are maintaining the policy of promoting the evolution of "colonies" into fully independent Dominions.

"Perhaps the Commonwealth is now bound together, for all its apparent looseness of structure, by something more powerful than the common allegiance to the Crown" of which the Balfour formula spoke.

"Possibly this change may be more distant than Mr. Gordon Walker allows, though he concedes that it must be gradual. It would involve considerable practical and personal problems.

U. S. Defense Reduction

Reductions in United States defense expenditures have resulted in the cancellation of a \$100,000,000 contract held by Canadair Ltd., of Montreal, for the production of aircraft for the U. S. Air Force.

The enormous demand for civilian goods and the huge requirements of Canada's industrial expansion are more than sufficient to occupy the country's factories.

In Canada's case, for example, it is reported that instead of producing warplanes for the U. S. Air Force the company will now turn to the manufacture of transports on order from the Dominion Government.

"We would be very happy to devote more of our facilities to making more civilian products instead of tanks, guns, ammunition and planes. We firmly believe that the progress of our country must be measured in terms of goods and services produced for the benefit of the consuming public.

Enlisting Doctors' Aid

Two Montreal physicians, Dr. Harold Elliott and Dr. H. L. Rounthwaite, have taken the lead to enlist the help of all Canadian doctors against today's highway slaughter.

The medical profession which has demonstrated steady progress in other epidemics, should be, as they say, the best equipped group in Canada to adequately encompass and reduce the death rate from highway accidents.

Education of the public regarding the safest and best automotive machine and how to handle it, encouragement of a realistic attitude on the part of all drivers, and a continuing campaign to acquaint the public with facts about traffic accidents, speed characteristics and consideration of the "other driver," on the highway are all suggested by these two doctors as basic to a reduction in the traffic toll.

No matter how good a health program may be, it cannot succeed in the face of opposition or lack of interest on the part of the medical profession. Realizing this, a plea is directed to the Canadian Medical Association and to doctors as individuals across the nation to accept their responsibility in the fight against the epidemic of injury and death on the highways.

EDITORIAL NOTES

South Korea was invaded by North Korean forces this date 1950.

There will be Province-wide sympathy for the surviving members of the Trainor family, three of whom were killed in Tuesday night's disastrous car accident at Bonshaw.

Crows, particularly in Queen's County, are in for another hard year. Between the Government bounty, the crow shooting contest and sportsmen's private feud against the black marauder there should be plenty of incentive to reduce their number.

The Diet of Augustburg met this date 1530, Charles V being present in person. It was an attempt to settle religious difficulties in Germany and elsewhere. At this and at a similar Diet in 1547 compromises were proposed which, however, were accepted by neither side.

This Province's lack of an historical museum will be remedied at least for the summer months by an exhibit at the Y. M. C. A. in Charlottetown. This project depends upon public support for its success and all who possess articles of historical interest will be doing a public service by lending them for this purpose.

Next week the R. C. A. F. Station, Summerside, will be the first in the Maritimes to have in operation the new standardized control tower. The control of operations from such a tower is comparable to that exercised from the bridge of an aircraft carrier.

The company installing dial equipment for the Island Telephone Company is understandably proud of its work but the supervisor may have been over-enthusiastic in claiming that any "wrong number" will be due entirely to the patron making the call.

Business activity in Canada this year has never been better, according to the monthly review of business conditions conducted by the Bank of Nova Scotia. After looking over the whole Canadian scene the Bank's experts report that employment has been about two per cent above last year's figures for a similar period and for the months of May and June set a new peak.

Two Minds With But A Single Thought



The Poet's Corner

FROM: VISIONS A rose, as fair as ever saw the north, Grew in a little garden all alone;

And learned bards of it their ditties made; The nimble faeries by the pale-faced moon Watered the root and kissed her pretty shade.

—William Browne (1591-1643)

The Union Jack

(By Lewis Milligan)

Coronation services were held in churches throughout Canada on the Sunday before the great crowning ceremony in Westminster Abbey, and I attended one of these in Toronto.

While the preacher was speaking in this way, I noticed an elderly man in the pew in front of me winking his eyes beneath his glasses.

The incident prompted me to look up the history of our Flag, and I found it in a book entitled, "The Story of the Union Jack" by Barlow Cumberland, a Canadian, published over fifty years ago.

Every schoolboy knows what the three crosses in the Flag stand for. French Canadians who think they are not represented in the Union Jack should remember that when the Christian nations of Europe joined in the Crusade to the Holy Land, the warrior pilgrims wore crosses of different shapes and colors on their surcoats and shields.

The Age Old Story

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

entirely from Normandy, and in honoring the Union Jack their descendants are giving allegiance to a Throne that was reestablished by a Norman King.

It is interesting to note that the 13 English Colonies which became the United States were established under the St. George Cross of England. The Mayflower was an English ship, and the Pilgrim Fathers declared their loyalty to the British Crown.

The White Ensign was the signal flag with which Nelson flashed his famous message to the fleet at Trafalgar: "England expects every man this day to do his duty."

Although the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan is mainly desert country, there are large fertile areas in the centre.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

OLDEST RESIDENT

"Near the village of Alma in Prince County, on the Western Road, there died a few years ago one Mrs. Donald Graham, who, at the time of her death lacked but fourteen days of being one hundred and eleven years old.

"When she was seven years old a vicious rooster pecked out one of her eyes, but this only seemed to make the other grow stronger, and it retained its strength and luster to the end of her long and busy life.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer

Concerning Two Speeches

As a rule I am not over enthusiastic about political speeches. For one thing, I never seem to have mental room for another, their sameness bores me.

However, I did listen to Mr. St. Laurent and Mr. Drew, as they delivered their "keynote" addresses on the radio on Monday night.

The thing that impressed me as much as anything else was the agile way in which both speakers commented on the Coronation. They were both obviously excited at what they saw and it is to be hoped that the experience will have a salutary effect on their day by day political thinking.

Both speakers went to some trouble to impress upon their listeners the great importance of the coming election. They have, of course, different reasons for saying so.

The suggestion that only one group of men is fit to govern, and that disaster would inevitably follow if some other group were given the responsibility, is really too childish to merit the slightest consideration.

Hummingbirds derive their name from the vibrating sound produced by their wings in flight.

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