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“The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink.”
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Short Line Traffic

Of interest to Island shippers are the efforts being made to revive activities on the “Short Line”—that stretch of C.N.R. line which starts at Stellarton and cuts along the Strait to Oxford Junction, N.S., which in bygone days was used by Cape Bretoners to shorten the coal haul to Montreal in winter, but which has been semi-dormant for some time.

It is claimed that, for practical purposes, the Short Line could be put back into good operational condition by replacing a few bridges. Heavy loads could then be carried and the bottleneck at Truro avoided.

It will be recalled that a few years ago there was an agitation to have the Wood Islands-Caribou ferry service operate, during December and possibly January, between Georgetown and Pictou. The federal authorities discouraged this movement but its advantages are obvious from the standpoint of winter service.

Gen. Twining's Visit

What a lot of fuss is being made in United States official circles over the impending visit to Moscow of Air Chief General Nathan F. Twining to witness the Soviet air show on June 24! On the face of it, it is a simple matter of diplomatic routine in the current new-look fashion.

The latest criticism comes from the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Brucker, who thinks dark trickery is involved in the Soviet invitation. His view seems to be that it is simply a ruse to bring about a reciprocal invitation to their own aviation experts, who will see much more in the United States than General Twining will be permitted to see in the Soviet Union.

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The Cyprus Problem

In his harsh criticism of the Government on its handling of the situation in Cyprus, is British party leader Hugh Gaitskill revealing himself as a statesman of merit or as an ambitious politician hungry for power? He says the Government should do one of two things: bring Archbishop Makarios back from exile and resume negotiations with him on the future of the island, or turn the whole dispute over to NATO.

As for turning the problem over to NATO, what good would that do? NATO might suggest self-government for the Cypriots. But that has already been offered them, subject to British control of the island's defence system, which includes internal security measures.

In inviting certain Cypriots to Britain to talk over their grievances with them, Mr. Gaitskill and his lieutenants did something irregular, if not downright unethical. One cannot imagine former Labour leader Attlee doing any such thing. Nor, truth to say, is it easy to imagine Mr. Gaitskill applying more wisdom to the problem than is being shown by Sir Anthony, despite the former's cocksureness — which incidentally, comes much easier to critics on the outside than to those who have to bear the brunt of responsibility.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A bank official has warned Canadians against “waving a big economic stick” at the United States. The warning may do some good. But it is well to remember that any concession the United States has made to Canada in the matter of trade was the result of vigorous opposition to unfair and prohibitive tariffs.

London, Ontario, aldermen appear to have taken a leaf out of the book of our local legislators. Without previous notice, they went into secret session and voted themselves salary increases of \$500. The London Free Press complains strongly that there “was no open discussion on these increases.”

After Archbishop Nikolai, leader of the Russian Church leaders now visiting the United States, had tasted a “hot dog” given him by a young lad in Corning, N.Y., he refused comment on the novel gustatory experience. The fact that he took only one bite of the strange delicacy can scarcely be called a glowing advertisement.

Mr. Drew and Mr. Coldwell are right in saying that a general election is needed to “clear the air” after the unsavoury proceedings in the Commons the past several weeks. But who ever heard of a government willing to submit its conduct to the electorate in the face of unmistakable public indignation? It simply isn't done.



MORE EXCITEMENT

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

SENATOR GRANT REPLIES

Sir,—Your editorial under the heading “A Challenge”, of June 6th, the day on which the Pipe Line Bill came to the Senate declared in effect that if the Senate decides in favour of this Bill the Senate should be abolished, but if the Senate decides against this Bill it should be retained.

It is quite evident that in this editorial you are following the lead of other Tory papers in Canada and in so doing you are doing exactly the same thing that you accused the Senate of doing if they passed the Pipe Line Bill.

What do you mean by a strong Senatorial stand in behalf of parliamentary rights? You evidently mean that the Senate should vote the Bill down thus upholding the wishes of the minority against the wishes of the majority. Do parliamentary rights mean that the minority in parliament should rule? At least that is the stand which you take in this editorial.

You ask should the rights of Parliament be upheld at all times? The answer is “yes” and now that the Pipe Line Bill has become law the rights of Parliament have been upheld, and the majority still rules. The minority has not been allowed to rule, though they succeeded in making a “rough house” of Parliament to the eternal disgrace of the Tory and Socialist parties and to the everlasting credit of every member of the Liberal party including the Prime Minister who quietly disregarded insult after insult throughout the Pipe Line Bill debate.

Finally you enquire will the Senate accept the challenge and strike a blow for the freedom that is in jeopardy? The answer to this question is that the Senate has upheld the freedom that apparently was in jeopardy, other wise Canada would have lost responsible government and would be a dictatorship today.

The last time closure had been applied was in 1932, and at that time the Government did not ask for a stated amount in the Bill but asked for blank cheque legislation. This was opposed by the Liberal opposition and then closure was applied, and when the Bill came to the Senate where there was a Conservative majority the Hon. Arthur Meighen, Senate Leader, did not explain the Bill to the Senate nor did he send it to a Committee. The Conservative majority forced the Bill through first, second and third readings in four minutes flat. Incidentally, I do not remember having seen an editorial in The Guardian at that time advocating the abolition of the Senate.

At least in the present case there were two full days of debate when expert officials were brought into the Senate Chamber to answer any questions raised and the Bill was carefully considered clause by clause. Indeed so carefully was it considered that the Conservative Leader, Hon. John Haig, congratulated Hon. Senator Ross Macdonald, Government Leader of the Senate, for the splendid way in which he conducted this Committee. He said, “it is a very great pleasure to all of us.” This happily ended second reading of the Pipe Line Bill for the construction of the longest gas pipe line in the world.

I am, Sir, etc., THOS. V. GRANT, Ottawa, Ont., June 12, 1956.

(Senator Grant's criticisms apply to leading Liberal as well as Tory and independent papers which were almost unanimous in denouncing the Government's steamroller methods in the pipeline debate. It is no credit to the Conservative Leader in the Senate that he showed no more independence than his Liberal colleagues in either House, and that he seemed to be just as happy as Senator Grant at the outcome. Incidentally, we did not suggest that the Senate should vote against the Bill but that it should be given the unbiased consideration it deserved, and which it was denied in the Commons chamber. We think the Senate has passed judgment on itself in this matter, and we are confirmed in this opinion by our correspondent's partisan defence. — Ed. G.)

The Olympic Games

National Geographic Society

Present-day Olympic Games have far out-stripped their ancient Grecian counterpart in size at least. The United States alone expects to send some 325 athletes to the 16th Olympiad in Melbourne, Australia, late this year.

While exact figures are unknown, it is probable that at their height the old Games never had more than a few hundred competitors. Yet dynasties fell and rulers were deposed as a result of the scoring.

The first Olympics in recorded history were held in 776 B.C., when one Coroebus won an award for victory in the equivalent of a 200 yard dash. Earlier contests are shrouded in myth and legend.

There are several stories of the origin of the Games. One of the most provocative says that King Oenomaus, who ruled the Greek City of Elis and nearby Olympia, devised a grisly pastime. He decided that his beautiful daughter Hippodamia could be won as a bride by anyone who took her in a chariot and escaped her father pursuing in another chariot. If the suitor was caught he would be dispatched by the monarch's spear.

Thirteen young men made the attempt in turn and were promptly skewered by Oenomaus. The fourteenth aspirant was a youthful warrior named Pelops. The legend says the crafty Pelops hired a charioteer to sabotage the king's vehicle. During the race, when Oenomaus was drawing dangerously close to Pelops' chariot the wheel of his car came off and Oenomaus was killed in the following crash.

In celebration, Pelops is supposed to have founded the Games as a thanksgiving ceremony to Zeus for his triumph. Whatever their origin, the Games lasted for more than ten centuries. EVEN WARS STOPPED

Until the Romans conquered Greece contestants were strictly limited to young Greeks of immaculate reputation. Except for the last few, the Games had a solemn religious significance. So great was their influence that wars were temporarily stopped for the Olympics to take place.

After 450 B.C. the Games reached their peak. It was the ambition of every city in Greece to have an Olympic champion. Dedicated to the worship of Zeus, contestants in the Games marched to the huge statue of the God overlooking the field and made prayers for victory. Each player's prayer was qualified with: “only if I am the best.”

After the Roman invasion the Games gradually deteriorated. The athletes, instead of being satisfied with a simple olive wreath and municipal honors, began receiving money and other valuable prizes. The Games were abolished as a public nuisance in 394 A.D. by Emperor Theodosius I of Rome. They were revived in Athens in 1896, with athletes from nine nations competing.

Soviet Census Data

Christian Science Monitor

MOSCOW—The Kremlin has broken away from Stalinist secrecy on official statistics by releasing figures that show the Soviet Union's population is 20,000,000 less than Western estimates.

The disclosure was contained in a 262-page volume of figures called “The National Economy of the U.S.S.R.” The book contained the first official statistics made public since 1939.

The Soviet Union's population now is officially estimated at 200,200,000. Other figures show a continuing gap between light and heavy industry, increasing numbers of highly educated specialists, production of steel and motor vehicles, and numbers of radio and television sets.

The government's Central Statistical Administration, which has published the volume, estimated the present population without a census, as of April this year. The estimate compares with a population total of 170,600,000 at the last census in 1939.

CHINA: 582,600,000 The United Nations Statistical Year Book estimated the 1954 Soviet population at 214,000,000, compared with 582,600,000 for Communist China, 162,400,000 for the United States, and 51,000,000 for Britain.

(Some Soviet affairs experts have seen signs lately that the country is feeling a manpower pinch in her industrialization and development drives.) The new Soviet statistics show the birthrate slumped sharply between 1940 and 1955, and in 1953, the year of Stalin's passing, reached its lowest level in 42 years. The rate was 31.7 babies per 1,000 population in 1940, compared with 25.6 now, and 24.9 in 1953. The hitherto unpublished population figure for Moscow, excluding suburbs, gives a total of 4,839,000. Living space in the capital is given as an average of little more than eight square yards for each Muscovite.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Dundesa, M. D.

LET DAD HELP WITH BABY

The father of a young infant is often like the groom at a wedding—essential, but virtually ignored.

Since tomorrow is Father's Day, let's give dad a break. Dad wants to have a part in the baby's care and he doesn't want to be restricted to the unenviable chore of walking a squalling infant in the dead of night.

It's not enough just to permit him to do the baby's laundry. When dad is home he can help out a lot by diapering and feeding the young offspring as often as he wants.

Let him bathe the baby, too. Oh, he'll be awkward at first. I suppose, but don't forget you were, too.

He may shy away from a job like giving Junior a bath. If so, perhaps he's just timid. In such a case, it's mother's duty to explain that he holds a responsible job outside the home so he's perfectly capable of a simple thing like bathing baby.

NOT FAIR It's not fair to dad, the baby or you for pops to see the little tyke only when he's bright and shiny. Dad should see him as he really is most of the time.

Let pops hold the baby while you wash his hair or hold him while a doctor gives him his injections.

Let him give baby his morning orange juice, too. And let dad take over the evening bedtime routine. Maybe this will include playing a record while holding baby on his lap or even reading to the youngster for a short time.

JUST LIKE MOTHER A baby should learn that his father is a warm, comforting person just like mother. Don't make dad out to be a boogymaker.

After all, many fathers-to-be suffer symptoms resembling morning sickness along with expectant mothers. But whether your husband shared this nausea with you or not, he's got a claim as a parent. Let him share the baby.

QUESTION AND ANSWER A.P.: Is peeling of the lips a symptom of venereal disease? Answer: This ordinarily is not due to venereal infection.

ANTS IN SPRING Now ants, like archeologists, resume Their excavations, clearing room by room, Carrying unwanted grains above the ground And dumping them by tunnel ends in round Expanding mounds. Earth surface very soon Looks like the cratered landscape of the moon. Digging goes on unceasing at each mine, But there are days some ants must march in line: Long files go back and forth across the grass in black, parading like the senior class. On certain other days some ants sprout wings And fly instead of march. But in such things I may be mixing species up with traits. I do know that as soon as cold abates in round The earth turns out to be so full of ants I wonder if man's future has a chance. James L. Montague in New York Herald-Tribune.

The Age Old Story

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. —Because I will publish the name of the Lord; ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect.

higher or secondary education employed by the state rose from 2,400,000 in 1947 to 5,500,000 this year.

The figures showed that in 1960, heavy industry would have expanded by 86 times over the 1928 figure, while light industry would have expanded by 14 times.

Steel production last year was 45,300,000 tons, compared with 18,300,000 tons just before the Nazi invasion in 1941. The total number of cars and trucks manufactured rose from 145,000 in 1940 to 445,000 in 1955.

It was announced yesterday from Ottawa that Maj. F.I. Andrew, MM, was promoted to the rank of Lieut. Colonel and is to command the Prince Edward Island Light Horse Reg't of Charlottetown.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 15, 1946) Dr. O.S. Norland, who recently arrived in the Province from Ontario was appointed meat inspector for the City of Charlottetown yesterday at a meeting of the Executive Council.

Mr. John H. Colwill, Provincial Grand Auditor, Loyal Orange Association of P.E.I. leaves today to attend the annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America.

Recognized in the King's Birthday Canadian Merchant Navy honours list is Capt. Wm. A. Poole, master of the Government ice-breaker Saurer, who was honored with the M.B.E.

Many elderly women never lose their sentimentality over dolls, says a writer. How about elderly men?—London Free Press

Names aren't always what they seem. For example the firefly isn't a fly, but a beetle. It has two pairs of wings, the forward pair stiff and useless in flight.—Hamilton Spectator

When a jet fighter plane crashed into a convent eight miles from Ottawa, the highways were so choked with curious people, motorists parked their cars two miles from the scene and walked the rest of the way. Think of the congestion there would be trying to evacuate a city in a hurry.—Windsor Star

Next thing in retailing is expected to be turning in your refrigerator, range, washing machine and so on every two or three years for a new model. And it even has a fancy new name—planned product obsolescence. Then somebody really will have to sell used refrigerators to the Eskimos.—Brantford Expositor

At a recent meeting of Austria's confectioners, it was decided to establish an “Austrian cake service”, which, operating along the same lines as “Flowers by wire”, would make it possible to place orders for cakes to be sent to any address in Austria. These cakes would then be baked on the spot and delivered to the desired address.—Austrian Information Service

We aren't at all surprised to find a member of the local clergy coming out with a spontaneous burst of dismay over the apparent chaos of our country's Parliament. Contrary to what a lot of people seem to think, we believe the church should make itself heard and felt in these important fields of political morality, and if it ever stopped concerning itself in this way the country would lack a vital guidance.—Hamilton Spectator

Chemical sprays are all right, but let's not forget the fact that this country was built by men who wrestled dandelions with their bare hands.—Stratford Beacon Herald

Making the teen aged daughter solely responsible for washing the dishes is a good way to teach her the fundamental responsibilities of life, says a psychologist. But it's a poor way to get the dishes done.—Orillia Packet

Maybe what we should do is invite Bulgaria and Khrushchev over here during the summer's political conventions. Then they could go home and tell their generals and admirals to relax, we're too nutty to fight.—Kansas City Star

A UN report on age and sex patterns of mortality begins: “Ideally, death should occur at the end of a more or less lengthy period of life.” Reasonable. And by the same token, we ought to be born at a more or less early age.—Hamilton Spectator

TENDERS

Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon on Friday, June 22nd, for supplying the City with 500 ft. of 2 1/2 inch double jacket fire hose, and 200 ft. of 1 1/2 inch double jacket hose, with couplings attached. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. A. FULLERTON, City Clerk.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of The Law Society of Prince Edward Island will be held on Monday the 18th day of June at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Law Courts Building in Charlottetown.

JOHN P. NICHOLSON, Secretary-Treasurer.

Dated the 7th day of June, 1956.



ANTS IN SPRING

Now ants, like archeologists, resume Their excavations, clearing room by room, Carrying unwanted grains above the ground And dumping them by tunnel ends in round Expanding mounds. Earth surface very soon Looks like the cratered landscape of the moon. Digging goes on unceasing at each mine, But there are days some ants must march in line: Long files go back and forth across the grass in black, parading like the senior class. On certain other days some ants sprout wings And fly instead of march. But in such things I may be mixing species up with traits. I do know that as soon as cold abates in round The earth turns out to be so full of ants I wonder if man's future has a chance. James L. Montague in New York Herald-Tribune.

WARNING!



INTERRUPTION NOTICE

There will be an interruption of electric power on our Montague line, east of Charlottetown, on Sunday, June 17th, weather permitting, between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon, and 1:00 and 5:00 p.m., for the purpose of moving the line as required by the construction of the Trans Canada Highway. This is the interruption which had been scheduled for last Sunday, and which had to be cancelled because of inclement weather.

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ANNOUNCEMENT
Requests for information and applications for financial assistance under the Industrial Development Bank Act, recently amended, should now be directed to the I.D.B. office recently opened in Halifax at the address below. This office will provide service to all points in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.
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