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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Dominion Day

On July 1, 1867, when the British North America Act went into force, it included only the four charter provinces, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario.

Prince Edward Island did not come into Confederation until July 1, 1873, but it was very much in the limelight by reason of the Charlottetown Conference of September, 1864; and we take pride in showing visitors that it was here, in our Provincial Building, that the Confederation Fathers first met and the idea of a Dominion stretching from shore to shore came to birth.

A Call To Action

Important discussions, by men of outstanding repute in their fields, have featured the Atlantic Regional Conference of the Canadian Association of Adult Education at St. Dunstan's University this week.

The main topic of this year's third biennial conference has been "Looking ahead in the Atlantic Provinces", and the whole emphasis has been on the tremendous possibilities which the future holds in store.

A Delegation From Moscow

About a year ago the British Council of Churches invited leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church and of other Churches in the Soviet Union to send a representative delegation to Britain.

Britain. His letter of acceptance said in part: "We now hasten to inform the British Council of Churches in the name of our own Church and of Churches and religious associations mentioned in your letter that we all duly appreciate the brotherly friendship shown us by Churches and religious associations of England and Scotland. We gladly accept the invitation and are preparing in love to make use of the opportunity of further strengthening the friendship between Christians of our two countries."

Members of the delegation will arrive in Britain on July 4 and will proceed immediately to Scotland where they will stay for four days. From July 9 to 16 they will be the guests of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, at Lambeth Palace.

What good the meeting will do it is difficult to say—perhaps it won't do any. But, since this is the first time in many years that Russian Church leaders have seen their way clear to travel Westward for fellowship with other Christian leaders, it is an event of some importance.

An Interesting Report

The 120th annual report of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, which has the distinction of being the largest "shore home" in the world for active merchant seamen, contains some interesting information. It says, for example, that in 1954, when the American Merchant Marine's active fleet declined by 10%, merchant seamen took 261,203 lodgings at the Institute, a drop of only 1% from the year before.

It is questionable whether unemployment, as a rule, helps to encourage intellectual activity; but the Institute's Joseph Conrad Library reported a 10% increase in the use of its facilities and "many more serious readers".

Started originally by a missionary society, the work of the Institute was carried on for many years by a system of "floating chapels". Gradually these gave way to the establishment of shore quarters in which lodging could be provided to offset the bad influence of waterfront boarding houses.

EDITORIAL NOTES

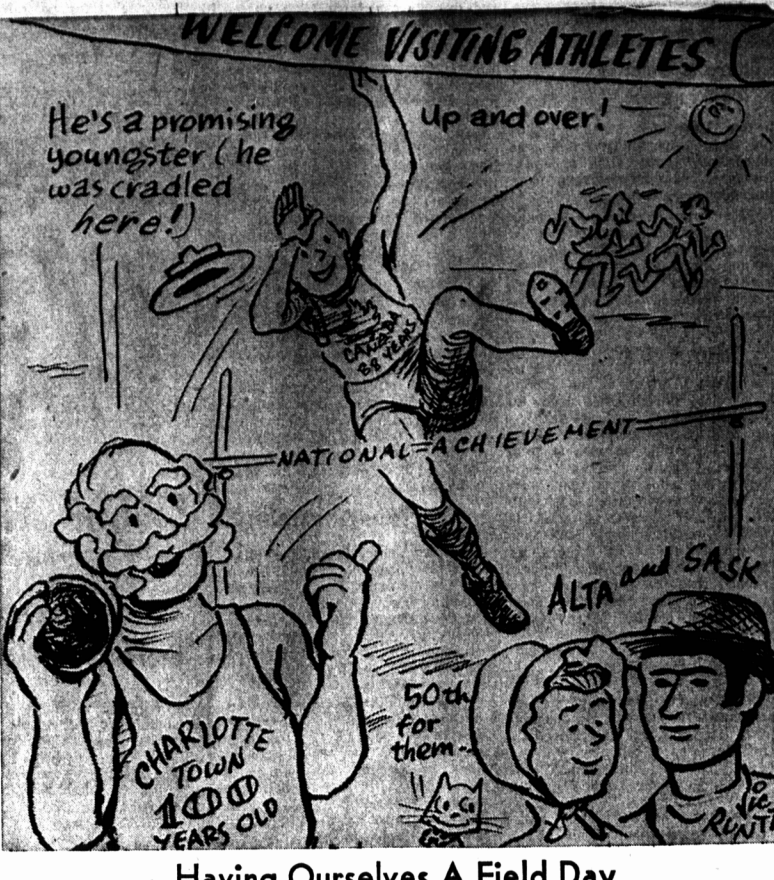
An educator asks: "How can good teachers be kept in the profession?" One way, suggests a teacher we know, is to give them a bit more money.

An astronomer says it will take perhaps millions of years to explore the vast reaches of the universe. There's no great hurry, anyway.

Scientists have reported finding a three-peak mountain 6000 feet below the surface of the Atlantic in the vicinity of Bermuda. They say that the peaks, which probably resulted from volcanic eruption, are no more than 50 million years old—a relatively short period in geological reckoning.

The British doctor who has recommended beer drinking as a preventive of heart trouble admits that further research is necessary before the treatment can be said to be established on a scientific basis.

Having an hour to spare in New York on his way to San Francisco, Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov paid a visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. On being shown one of those crazy looking pictures called "an abstract conception" he asked: "What is it and what does it mean?" That's what a lot of people would like to know, and nobody seems able to tell them.



Having Ourselves A Field Day

PUBLIC FORUM

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

"SEEK YE FIRST . . ."

Sir.—Undoubtedly some theories of progress and precedence are as potent for evil as would be an injection of poison into the blood stream. It would be unjust to say anything like that about the ponderous treatise with the aid of which we have of late been trying to light up some of the dark spots in history.

STIMULATE ECONOMY

The July cut was announced by Finance Minister Harris in his April 5 budget, despite prospects of a \$160,000,000 deficit for the 1955-56 fiscal year. This and other reductions apparently were aimed at stimulating the economy which now is rising from a 1954 recession.

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Canadian Press, Toronto

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The July Income Tax Cut

Canadian Press, Ottawa

Canada's growing army of taxpayers share in an \$85,000,000 reduction July 1 as federal rates on personal incomes fall to a five-year low.

SOME EXAMPLES

Here are a few examples of what Canadians in various income brackets will pay in the 1955 tax year: A married man with two children will pay \$112 this year, down \$7 from 1954 and \$14 from 1953. It will be the lowest since the \$105 in 1950.

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Medically Speaking

Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

DRUGS ARE NOT COSTLY WHEN THEY SAVE LIVES

You can't buy health. But when you are ill, you can buy medicine that will aid and even cure you. Yet a great many of you complain about the prices you have to pay for some of these life-saving drugs!

Antibiotics for treating a lobar pneumonia patient cost from \$15 to \$30. His chances of surviving are 25 to 1 in his favor. Moreover, he'll probably be back to work within two weeks.

Back in 1927, the average case of lobar pneumonia cost \$1,000 and included the loss of at least five to six weeks' work. And the chances of surviving were only 3 to 1. Still think you're paying a lot for drugs?

It costs the pharmaceutical companies a lot more. For example, one firm assembled a herd of 350 horses at Pearl River, N. Y., for production of sera to fight pneumonia. When it was found that rabbits were better, 24,000 rabbits replaced the horses.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. L. L.: Can you tell me what causes pain in my nerves like a toothache, especially when I become irritated?

Answer: It is not clear just what is responsible for your difficulty. Pain along the course of the nerves may be due to some type of virus infection. On the other hand, your condition may be due to an emotional disorder.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The man who constantly looks his own horn shouldn't be surprised if friends dodge out of his way. —Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Although seldom heard, a report that Canada imported about \$3,000 worth of music rolls for mechanical pianos from the U. S. last year proves they're still in existence. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

We are much too near the Korean struggle to make any accurate guess on how historians will finally rate it. Probably the decision depends on whether or not the third world war does finally occur between Democracy and Communism.

Psychology has isolated another ailment which it calls "Sunday afternoon neurosis." It comes from being at a loose end, according to this clinical research. The victim doesn't know what to do with himself, and feels guilty because he isn't working.

One of the delights of governing any part of Canada, however small, is the fact that there's always some other government to which any buck can be passed. Municipal committees can view a situation with alarm, then point out what the provincial government should do about it; provincial bodies can urge federal action, or shake their heads sadly about the inefficiencies of municipal governments; while Ottawa can express its heart-felt regret that provincial opposition makes it impossible to act.

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REPORT MORE ALCOHOLICS TORONTO (CP)—The number of alcoholics admitted to Canadian mental hospitals more than tripled between 1946 and 1953, the alcoholism research foundation said in the June issue of Alcoholism Research, published by the foundation, that the rate for Canada in 1954 stood at 3.6 for each 100,000 persons of 20 and above. In 1953 the rate had climbed to 12.5.

CHUANG CHOU IN A DREAM BECAME A BUTTERFLY. And the butterfly became Chuang Chou at waking. Which was real—the butterfly or the man? Who can tell the end of the endless changes of things? The water that flows into the depths of the distant sea Returns anon to the shallows of a transparent stream. The man raising melons outside the green gate of the city. Was once the Prince of the East Hill. So must rank and riches vanish. You know it, still you toll an' toll.—what for? —Li-Po (8th Century).