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Honorary Islanders

It is a graceful custom for ancient British and European cities, boroughs and companies to confer their freedom on persons of distinction or persons who have performed eminent services for the community.

We are, however, perhaps inordinately proud of being Islanders and there is no reason why, in proper cases, we should not confer a similar distinction on those who would bring distinction to it, or who have rendered services to this Province.

The Lieutenant-Governor and various mayors could be empowered to create Honorary Islanders and relieve them of the misfortune of being forever "foreigners."

The Constitutional Tangle

Not the least of a number of complex problems requiring consideration at the forthcoming Dominion-Provincial conference relates to the effect of Parliament's decision to abolish appeals to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Are those Privy Council decisions to remain binding upon the Supreme Court of Canada, whose judgments they oftentimes overruled? If so, the effect of having passed legislation abolishing further appeals to the Privy Council will be slight indeed.

Some legal scholars suggest that what is needed is legislation to dignify earlier Privy Council decisions with the positions of judicial pronouncements which, while being persuasive, would not absolutely bind the Supreme Court of Canada to follow them in all cases.

Supply and Demand

Some of the reasons for the existing high meat prices are given in the Calgary Albertan. First and foremost is the fact that beef production is a long-term business.

The only way to get greater meat marketings in the future is to reduce the marketings this year. Livestock production is not like the production of cars of fruit, which can be steadily and consistently increased.

Of the many unpredictable in meat production, the greatest is feed. A hard winter greatly increases the feed bill. A short hay or grain crop means that many farmers will have to sell cattle or hogs they had planned on keeping.

The labour situation has not improved. In the foothills of Alberta, where range cattle can be wintered outside fairly easily, this is not so important a problem.

moved the embargo against export of cattle and beef to the U. S., the Canadian beef industry was in a state of alarm. It had the British market at that time, but the producers knew it was only temporary.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Another day and the Exhibition and Old Home Week will be a thing of the past—an exceptionally pleasant memory.

Britain's Schools Exploring Society may "explore" Canada next year. The boys taking part will range in age from 16½ to 17.

The Communists were threatening Tibet with fire and sword, but the earthquake brought its destruction first and without warning.

Our "rising hopes" have an opportunity of a lifetime in enlisting to keep the enemy at bay. "Be Prepared" is the best slogan to be inculcated, with self-defence being the first law of nature.

It appears 11.59 last night was to be the deadline for forwarding live stock and perishables on the railways, in view of the threatened strike which everyone hopes will not materialize.

Forest fires in Newfoundland emphasize the lack of land communications in that Province. They are paying for their numerous and convenient harbours by failure to develop a network of highways.

Communist China's order for 60,000 drums of oil in South America is the natural outcome of Britain's cutting off their supply at the request of the United States.

As war represents the failure of diplomacy, so a strike represents a failure of labour relationships. It is, of course, the ultimate and essential weapon of the labour unions, but good leadership should be able to achieve its aims without actually resorting to it.

Tomorrow the cynosure of all eyes in the City will be the North Nova Scotia's Fourth Reunion and Drumhead Memorial Service at Memorial Field, Victoria Park.

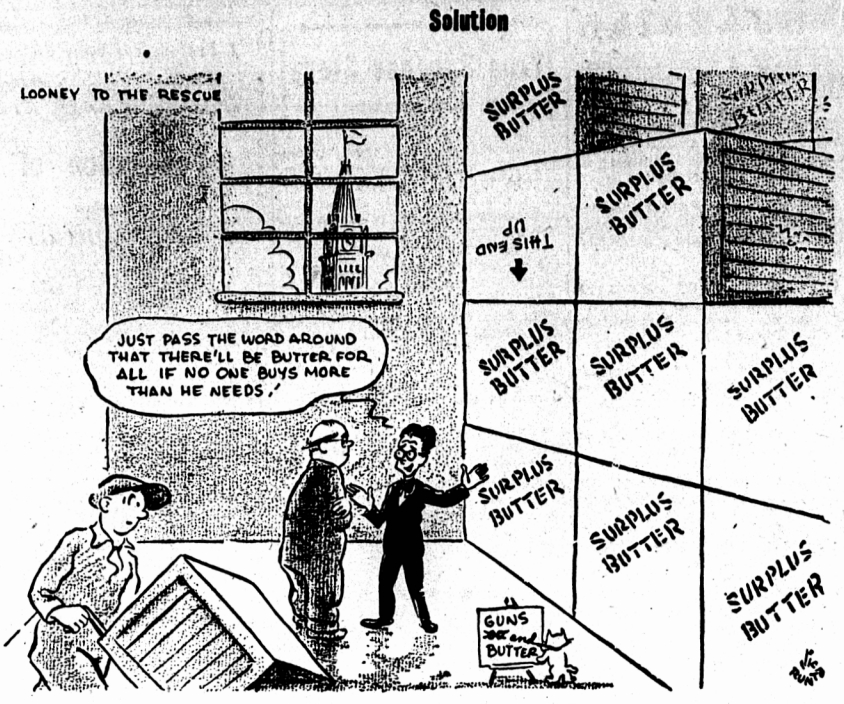
Steamboats were adopted by shipping this date 1807. The first invention was the Charlotte Dundas which ran on the Forth and Clyde Canal in 1802, followed by the Clermont launched August 17, 1807.

The long-distance discussion of the Railway dispute has ended, and now it is for the Government to try its hand with the necessary powers it possesses.

The Maritime Automobile Association plans to improve the shockingly bad manners and dangerous driving of motorists here by providing a safety course in the schools.

A 17-year-old London taxicab has set up what is considered to be a unique altitude record. It has crossed the Simplon pass, Switzerland, at a height of 6,595 feet.

A ship which will automatically obey orders sent to it by music was demonstrated off the south coast of Britain recently. The vessel is a motor launch 68 feet long which will be used by the R. A. F. as a target at sea.



The Poet's Corner

Life has loveliness to sell, All beautiful and splendid things, Blue waves whitened on a cliff, Scents of pine trees in the rain, And children's faces looking up, Holding wonder like a cup.

Future Of The Assembly

By W. N. Ewer. Already in this first week of this year's meeting of the assembly of the Council of Europe, it is evident that this second session will be very different in character from the first.

There are, of course, federalists, ardent advocates of the creating of a federation of Europe, with a federal government and a federal Parliament exercising sovereignty.

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Notes By The Way

Instead of saucers, Californians now report a mysterious cloud, "with hues of green, orange, yellow and blue." Very likely some Hollywood director has been blowing off steam in technicolor.

In a recent London, England press conference, Prime Minister Lisquat Ali Khan of Pakistan was asked by an Indian correspondent how he could reconcile his assertion that economic development was the answer to communism in Asia with the belief that force must be used to halt Communist aggression.

"On Friday night last, and on the Saturday following, the wind about north, we were visited by one of the most tremendous and destructive storms, accompanied by incessant rain, ever witnessed on this Island.

The answers are not going to be easy. But they have to be found. Another possibility is that in its debates and recommendations to the Assembly can give a useful lead and, indeed, exert useful pressure upon national governments and parliaments.

The distress among the shipping, particularly on the north side of the Island, is very great. The brig, Planter, Robert Chambers, master, of Poole, bound to Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, with lumber, is wrecked at Surveysor's Inlet, Lot 47.

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Let us never forget the debt we owe, not only to them, but to all veterans who gave so much that we may still enjoy freedom.

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The Mackenzie King Diaries

In many ways, destruction of the Mackenzie King diaries will be a tragedy. Mr. King's literary executors will, of course, follow the terms of his will. They can do nothing else. None the less, destruction of the diaries will be a severe loss to the student of the Mackenzie King era.

Let us take two episodes in Mr. King's career; the Byng episode and the interview with Hitler. In both cases, the full facts have never been published. In both, the diaries might complete the story.

Consider the Byng episode. Here, in brief, are the already published facts. In 1925, Mr. King as leader of the Liberal party went to the polls. The general election resulted: Liberals 101, Conservatives 218, Progressive and Independents 218.

Lord Byng declined. Mr. King resigned and Lord Byng invited Mr. Meighen to form a Government. Now Mr. Meighen was soon in difficulties. Under the law as it then was, a member of the House could not accept a Cabinet portfolio without first seeking re-election.

Mr. Meighen sought to meet the difficulty by appointing acting ministers. In that way the only seat vacant was his own. Mr. Mackenzie King, now leader of the Opposition, promptly challenged the new department and the Meighen Government was defeated in the House by one vote.

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