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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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Transportation And Trade

Forecasts that the Cabinet will turn down the appeal of eight provincial governments against the latest freight-rate increase are unfortunately based on logic and good business practice.

At the same time that such a decision is taken, however, the system of protection enjoyed by industry in this country should logically and in justice be brought to an end.

This policy would, according to some, play havoc with Canadian industry. That is certainly possible, but if the power of government is to be used to compel consumers to pay the price for maintaining those industries then government cannot in decency continue to ignore the plight of the outlying provinces which are artificially separated from their more convenient markets and have over the years seen the concessions they enjoyed in transportation being whittled away in the name of rate-equalization.

Air Defense Development

Recent British announcements suggest that the ground-to-air guided missile has been developed close to the point where it could make the delivery of atomic or hydrogen bombs by conventional aircraft to a target of the sort provided by the British Isles impossible, or at least excessively costly.

On this continent, the ground-to-air missile has been developed in the United States, although apparently not to the degree attained in Britain; but the air-to-air missile is well ahead, and Canada has had a large part in the development.

It would, however, be foolish to sit back and relax in imaginary security because of these developments on the side of the defence. As the Hamilton Spectator points out, the last war demonstrated that it is possible, sooner or later, to develop ways of "foxing," jamming and generally "confusing" any piece of electronic equipment, and it is electronic equipment which guides a missile to its target.

A Defeat For The Kremlin

For peace and security in Europe nothing so encouraging as the recent victory for Chancellor Adenauer in the German election has happened in many years. It has, in the words of the New York Times, "swept away much of the debris of a dismal past."

ernment. In the early days of the century was the sabre-rattling Kaiser, with World War I running on his heels. There was the short-lived republic, a period of economic chaos, the advent of Hitler and the Nazis, the second war with its devastation and, for Germany its catastrophic conclusion, and a new period of confusion and misery, marked by the division of Germany into East and West by the iron curtain of the Soviet Union.

That is truly a dismal past, and it is a measure of Dr. Adenauer's contribution to the rehabilitation of Germany and Europe that the people have strengthened and confirmed his government "Coming on top of the June revolt in East Germany," the New York Times observes, "the election signifies that the battle for the German soul has been decided and that the Kremlin has lost."

The Times' comment continues: "One of the most encouraging features of the whole election is that the younger generation is no longer being attracted by the extremes of Left or Right, but rather voted for Chancellor Adenauer, for democracy, for Europe and for the European Defence Community, which it will be called upon to serve. This means that the younger generation is burying both the nationalistic ambitions of world power and the resentments resulting in Communism—both of which stirred their elders and plunged the world into catastrophe. In that sense Germany is displaying a political maturity and is setting an example which may seem ironic coming from that source but which other Continental countries might well follow."

"Most Effective Medium"

Another influential organization, the Independent Grocers' Alliance, has gone on record as stating it "has found newspaper advertising to be its most effective medium" and will spend more than \$2,000,000 for space in Canadian and United States newspapers in 1954.

It was not so long ago that the Ontario Retail Hardware Association also went on record as saying: "It has been proved time and time again that consistent newspaper advertising by all retailers helps not only to maintain and improve your position in the community, but also provides the perfect medium in which to bring the consumer's attention to the many services available at their local hardware dealer."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The 8th regular session of the U. N. General Assembly opens today. Its most important task will be preparing the way for a political conference to settle the Korean situation, "et cetera". The et cetera is what has many of the delegates worried.

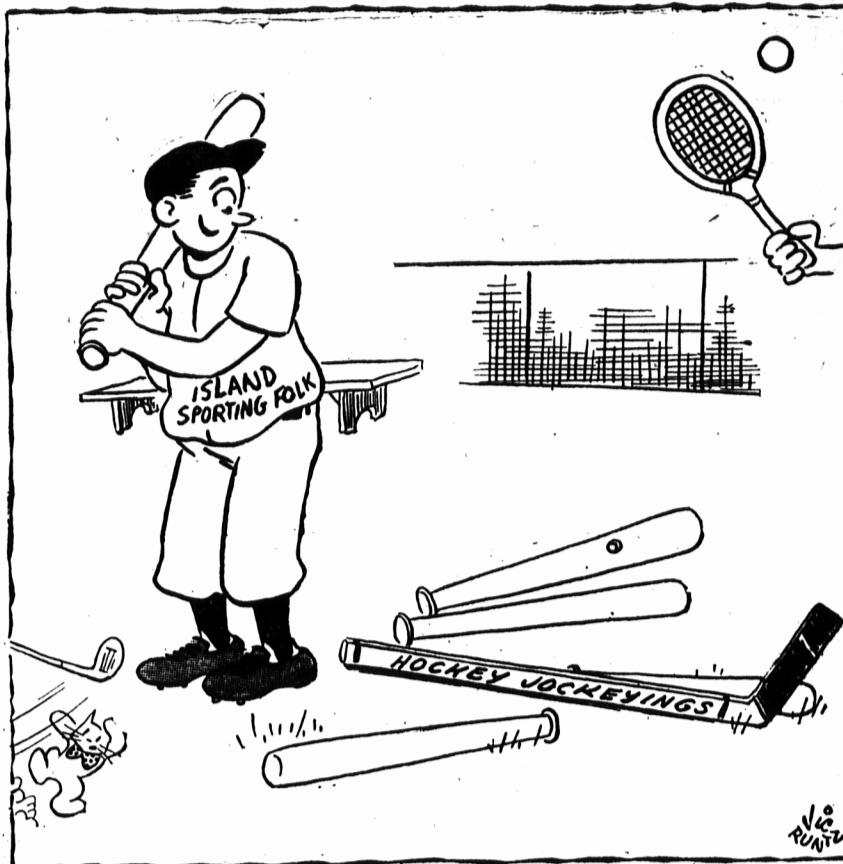
The reading of a paper by a Russian physiologist at a scientific congress in Montreal is a welcome sign of international co-operation. It is to be hoped that the criticism which will inevitably follow will not drive Soviet science back into isolationism from which this is an indication that it may at last be emerging.

Highway traffic is inter-provincial and inter-national to a rapidly increasing extent. The success reported by Mr. F. A. Large, Q.C., of the Commissioners for Uniformity of Legislation in drafting model highway legislation will be welcomed by all motorists who have occasion to drive outside their own Province.

Gilbert Burnett, English historian and divine, was born this date 1643. He was educated at Edinburgh and took orders in the Episcopal Church, which had just been restored in Scotland. Later he was given the chaplaincy of the Rolls Chapel in London but offended Charles II and went to Holland. He returned with William III and was appointed bishop of Salisbury. He wrote much on questions of church and state, his great work being the "History of My Own Time."

An early postal relic is in the possession of Mr. Edgar Munn of Belle River. It came from his father's old home at Wood Islands. Dated August 18, 1837, and addressed to the postmaster at Pictou, Truro or Halifax, it reads: "Please deliver to Hector McMillan or bearer any letters in your office for this Island." The signature is apparently that of Miss Chappell who was postmistress in Charlottetown at the time. A courier service had been established in 1816 between Halifax and Pictou and a packet service to the Island, although not until the steamer Pochontas was put in service between Charlottetown and Pictou, twice weekly, in 1832 was there regular communication with the mainland.

In There



The Passing Scene

By Observer

BULBS AND LAMPS

The rural electrification plans recently announced by the Provincial Government will be well received, and in some cases joyfully received, by the people actually or potentially concerned. It will be some time, probably some years, before the entire Island is lighted up, but at least a start is being made towards giving those who want them the conveniences and inconveniences (both are involved) of electrical energy.

The cost to the provincial treasury is going to be considerable and it is virtually certain that some of it will constitute an actuarial loss. On the other side of the ledger will be two important credits. (1) The public service that will be rendered by the upsurge of economic gain that will, presumably, follow the development.

Concerning this latter credit a lot of people seem to assume that once a farm is supplied with electricity most of its troubles will be over. All the farmer has to do then is to press buttons and let the money roll in.

Farmers who have always had the use of electricity will probably say that it isn't quite as simple as that although perhaps, theoretically, a farm with electricity should be more profitable than one without it. In practice, though, this is not always the case.

All this proves nothing except that successful farming depends on many things besides mechanical conveniences. Let no one imagine that electrical power is the one sure talisman for rural health and wealth or that young men and women will be content to stay on the farm once the "lights" are put in. It may help in some cases, but there are still miracles which electrical devices have no power to perform.

As I see it (from my study armchair) the one thing in this matter for which we should give the Premier and his Cabinet credit is that they have actually begun to do something for the farming population. Whether or not it will work out exactly as hoped for remains to be seen (hardly anything ever does) but, at any rate, it is much better than a lot of intangible promises.

It is probably inevitable that

The Poet's Corner

REQUIEM

O thou that from thy mansion Through time and place to roam, Dost send abroad thy children, And then dost call them home,

That men and tribes and nations And all thy hand hath made May shelter them from sunshine In thine eternal shade:

We now to peace and darkness And earth and thee restore Thy creature that thou madest And wilt cast forth no more.

—A. E. Housman

Notes By The Way

All of the abledomed men and boys of the Swedish Lapp communities are in the high mountains of Norway today, branding the calves born to their reindeer during the short Arctic summer. —Vassjaure, Lapland, (Reuters).

Year by year the song of the whistling gull fainter on the farms of America. But the scythe will still be used to some extent for a long time to trim out around fences and buildings. And as long as a craftsman swings scythe and snatch there will be the music of stone against steel sounding across the fields and around the homesteads of the land.—Ottawa Journal.

At the recent meetings of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, Sir Edward Appleton, the man who discovered the high-level atmospheric layer that makes short-wave radio possible, announced that he believes he has found a number of "dark stars," which give no light, but which betray their position by the emission of radio waves. This, he thinks, may tend to show that there may be two universes in our system—one visible to human eyes, the other not. Turning to more practical problems, the British Association directed its attention to the problems of heat and power 2,500 years from now. It is possible, these scientists alleged, that sources of these things, even from

low you. What you think is smoke is merely the more freely moving, farther spaced molecules of air, letting your sight begin to pierce through the air blanket to the ultimate blackness above.

A few more thousands of feet up and the blue curtain of the sky will turn to a smoky grey—and at ten miles or more above the earth where some risky fellows have already flown, your so-called blue sky will begin to turn black. At 14 or 15 miles, maybe, you might be able to see some of the stars in a black sky. Of course, they have proof of that in photographs taken by rockets shot up 50 miles and more.

Now these facts, themselves, are not new to most readers. Yet it must be a most insensitive spirit which does not feel some shock before the actual proof that the sky isn't really there. The blue vault of heaven is a conception of considerable solidity built into the human race from half a million years of looking upward. The reality that the sky doesn't exist except in one's eyes calls for some spiritual readjustment.

It is this new environment, no doubt, that causes so many of our young fliers to appear to live in a different kind of world from their other associates—a psychological fact they sometimes find difficult to explain.

The Age Old Story

Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

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