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Mearing Full Dieselization

The dieselization of Canadian National Railways, which started in Prince Edward Island on a Province-wide scale, will soon include the principal through passenger trains operating between Halifax and Montreal, following a pattern which has been progressively broadening in Canada and the United States for some time past.

Churchill And Pigs

Britain's Prime Minister is a man of many interests and one of them is the breeding of pigs. This is nothing new but it is of interest to breeders in Prince Edward Island that Sir Winston's ideas of desirable characteristics in swine are close indeed to those pursued in this Province.

Landrace was developed in Denmark as essentially a bacon pig. It has a notably long body, hefty hams, narrow shoulders, a small head and no stomach to speak of.

This, of course, would apply accurately to the particular breed of Yorkshires being produced by Island breeders. It is true that local prices do not match the \$1,500 and \$2,500 being offered in Britain for the new Landraces but as producers throughout North America become as conscious of the desirability of these characteristics as are those in Britain the price will certainly jump.

It is quite absurd for Canadian and American swine breeders to continue producing short overweight pigs when the principle object for which they are required is bacon. It would be much more economical to feed pigs that are designed to produce bacon and lots of it.

Postal Anniversaries

Two major anniversaries worthy of celebration this year in stamp collecting circles are noted by the Hamilton Spectator. It is one hundred years since postage stamps were introduced into India, and the same length of time since properly perforated stamps were first put into general use.

When Rowland Hill won his battle for the penny post and the first of all postage stamps, the "penny black", was issued on May 6, 1840, the stamp had to be snipped with scissors from a sheet. This nuisance might have continued for years, perhaps even down to the present time, if it had not been for the irritation it caused a young man named Henry Archer.

to him in a flash. Thus perforation was born.

The early stamps were not printed with the exactitude of their successors, hence the perforating machines sometimes bit into the printed edge of the stamps, giving philatelists in these later days an indication of age. The Post Office accepted Archer's invention and Parliament awarded him a bounty of \$4,000. In the end, however, Archer's machine was discarded and only his idea was used.

New Housing Loans

As a result of the passing of new housing legislation at the 1954 session of Parliament, there have this year been many changes in the provisions of the National Housing Act. In order to make these known to the public in a simple and easily understandable form, the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has issued a timely booklet. Entitled "NHA Loans for Homes", it contains in compact form, the new provisions of the Housing Act, and cites in clearly understood figures, just what the prospective home owner can and cannot do under the terms of the amended legislation.

As is generally known, the terms of the National Housing Act as they are today are such as to encourage the building of new homes without the requirement of an excessive down payment. The home builder can now secure a loan of 90 per cent of the first 80 per cent of the lending value of the home to be built, plus 70 per cent of the remainder of the lending value.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The band of the R.C.S.C.C. Summerside, having attained marked proficiency and having received the benefit of eight weeks of training at Point Edward naval base, will undoubtedly be a distinct asset to the Town and the Sea Cadet movement.

External Affairs Minister Lester Pearson has done what is possible to induce France to avoid scuttling the European Defence Community. This country can feel that in this instance, at least, we have done our duty.

If present trends continue the Northwest Passage may well become a practical trade route. The St. Roch made the journey each way some years ago and now two U. S. ice breakers have plowed through McClure Strait, north of Banks Island. The St. Roch was forced to use Amundsen Gulf, south of Banks Island.

Reports indicate that the Russian Government is gradually coming outside the walls of the Kremlin, which will eventually be established as a national museum. It is to be hoped that the trend reflects and will encourage a more open attitude of mind on the part of the rulers of the Soviet Union.

The success of the first summer school in this Province for Gaelic, Highland dancing and piping entitles the many local people connected with it to congratulations. Warm thanks are due to the Department of Education of Nova Scotia and to Major Callum Ian MacLeod, Nova Scotia Director of Gaelic studies, for generous assistance in making the project possible.

Gilbert Abbott a' Beckett, humorist and playwright, died this date 1836. He was the first editor of Figaro in London and one of the first contributors to Punch. He also wrote for a number of London dailies. More than 50 of his plays were produced, including dramatisations of Dickens' novels. He is best known, however, for his "Comic Blackstone" and comic histories of England and Rome.

The desirability of a "positive" rather than a negative approach is frequently emphasized these days, perhaps even over-emphasized. It is interesting to speculate just what "positive proceedings" the C. O. of Chanute air base, Illinois, proposes to take about the Pachuco terrorist secret society whose activities he recently exposed. Punishment may be the negative approach but has its uses.

By the end of this year the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization will have completed the first volume of the third census ever taken of world agriculture. It will summarize statistical methods used in the census and will be followed by two more volumes tabulating the data for each country and making comparisons between counties and regions. It will take two more years to complete the ten-year task.



All's Well That Ends Well

The Poet's Corner

LADY LOST
This morning, there flew up the lane
A timid lady-bird to our bird-bath
And eyed her image dolefully as death;

Sprig Of Heather

Flora, the Macleod of Macleod in the spring of 1952 sent shoots of heather to the Gaelic College of Cape Breton Island for transplanting in the Norman Macleod Memorial Park at St. Ann's.

The Value of a Pinch of Powder

Monique de Faucon, United Nations Children's Fund in Unesco Features.
A potentially deadly substance is the basic agent in a plan to protect millions of lives a year. Like many other substances - ranging from strychnine to sunshine - its effect depends upon the size of the dose.

Old Charlottetown

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NOTES BY THE WAY

What will happen to Dagmar when Dior's new fashions come in?—Brandon Sun.
You have good willpower if you can pass an excavation without stopping to see the steam shovel at work.—Toronto Star.
Science is resourceful. It couldn't pry open the Pullman windows, so it air-conditioned the train.—Brandon Sun.

A news story raises the possibility that the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, just off the coast of Newfoundland, might like to join Canada, presumably as part of the 10th province. If that should be true let the overture come properly from the islands through the French government.—Ottawa Journal.

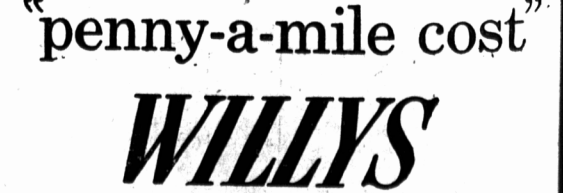
The Age Old Story

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I.

CRANBROOK, B.C. (CP) — Farmer A. G. McFarlane thinks moose perhaps jump into his deep spring well to escape heat and flies. With the aid of neighbors and a rope, he liberated the second moose in three years, the most recent weighing 1,200 pounds.

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