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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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By-Passing Parliament

The justification for granting the Government extraordinary powers is the possibility of their being required at a time when Parliament is not in session and the emergency does not permit waiting until it can be summoned.

The Government, by Order-in-Council, prohibited Canadian shipping from sailing to North Korea or Communist China.

The question raised in the House of Commons, therefore, is one of principle and it is to the credit of the two Liberal Members who joined the Opposition in an unsuccessful vote of censure of the Government that they placed their concern for the powers and dignity of Parliament above considerations of party.

The fact that the action taken was strongly favoured by all parties must have made it more difficult for them to take their stand in protest against the procedure followed.

Food Consumption On P.E.I. Farms

The Economics Division of the Federal Department of Agriculture has released a series of three reports dealing with consumption of food by farm households in the Maritime Provinces.

The calories provided by the diet exceeded the estimated requirements by about five per cent. The protein content of the food was more than adequate, 160 per cent of the amount required.

The value of the meat, poultry, game, and fish, comprised almost one-fourth of the total of all the food. Dairy products, including butter were worth nearly as much, 22 per cent.

The home produced food was worth 54 per cent of the value of all the food used in Prince Edward Island. Nearly one-third of the value of the home produced food came from dairy products, including butter.

Only 27 per cent of the carcass weight of the beef and veal, but 63 per cent of that of the pork consumed was home produced.

The value of the food per consumption unit of households on potato farms in the Province exceeded that of households on mixed farms by ten per cent.

tion unit on potato farms, but the consumption of pulses and tomatoes was higher on the mixed farms.

In value of food per consumption unit the all-adult households ranked first among the household composition groups and the group with less than three children was second.

In Prince Edward Island, as elsewhere, it was found that as the economic level rose the value of food per consumption unit increased regularly.

Worth Preserving

A million dollars is required to renovate and fireproof Canada's historic Library of Parliament. That's a tidy sum to put it mildly but the structure is worthy of preservation.

Much of the library must be torn down and reconstructed for fireproofing but its distinguished exterior with flying buttresses will be preserved and so will the unique interior so far as possible.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Senate defeated a resolute attempt by a minority to remove the 10 per cent sales tax from margarine.

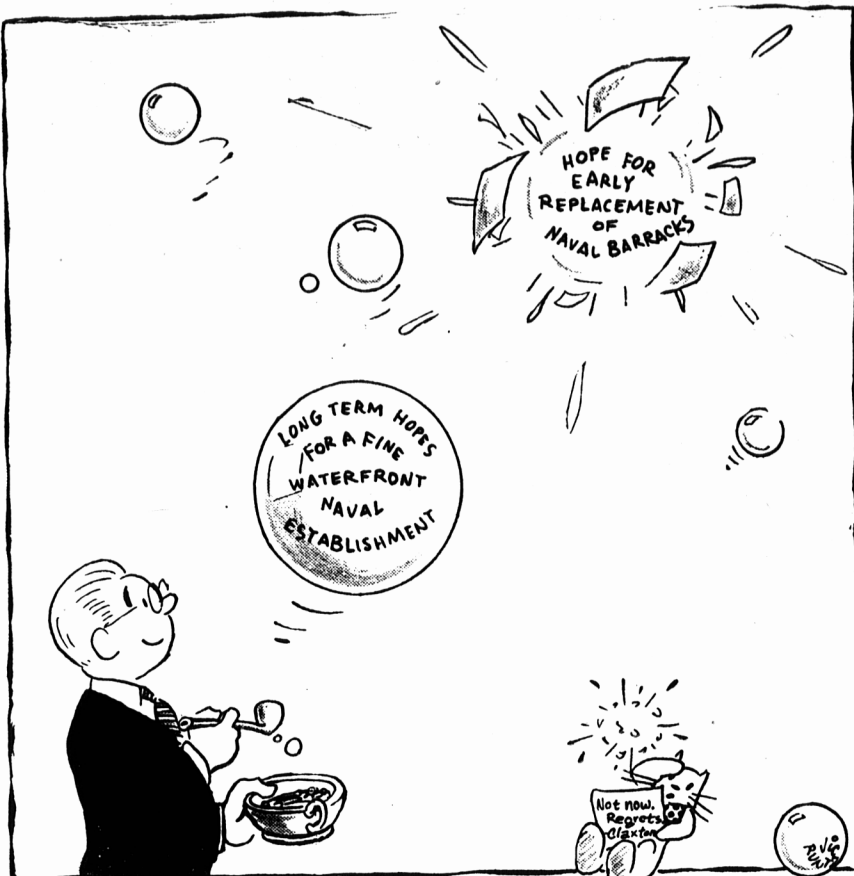
The capping service tonight for nursing graduates at the Prince Edward Island Hospital and similar ceremonies represent the climax of long and exacting training.

The fire at Hope River which destroyed almost two square miles of woodland, a farmstead, and threatened another required the best efforts of large numbers of local residents and equipment from various municipalities to put under control.

Two of Britain's jet-propelled Comets, the world's first turbo-jet airliner, will make their Canadian debut, about the middle of May, wearing the roundel-enclosed red maple leaf of the R. C. A. F.

Anthony Trollope, English novelist and civil servant, was born this date 1815. Although as postal inspector he instituted pillar-boxes in 1853, it is as a novelist that he is remembered.

Forever Blowing Bubbles



The Poet's Corner

THE HERON

The fresh wet wind and the wide glittering light Are over now, and everything is night; The barges, the great bustle, the clink of tools Have left no impress on the river-pools, And ready desolation edged with rose Resumes untroubled its antique repose.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

SEAWEED CASE DECIDED

"The October term of the Supreme Court opened at St. Eleanor on Thursday, the 4th inst., and closed on Friday the 7th. The only important cause on the civil docket was that of John Clark vs. John Bell, et al., which was an action of trespass brought by the plaintiff against the defendant for gathering and carrying away a quantity of seaweed and sea manure from the shore opposite the plaintiff's premises; and from the nature of the right in dispute, the cause seemed to excite much interest among numerous persons present at the trial.

Books Received

IN THE WET by Nevil Shute (in Canada, McLeod, Toronto \$4.35) Perhaps because, as the author says, no one takes a novel too seriously a romantic novel is an ideal medium for stimulating discussion on the future of the Commonwealth.

For The Fruits Of Peace

(New York Times) In his inspiring address to American editors last Thursday, President Eisenhower did much more than delineate specific peace proposals. He did, it is true, call upon the Soviet Union for definite acts and he enumerated some that would be regarded as an earnest of good faith.

"Every gun that is made," he said, "every warship that is launched, every rocket fired signifies — in the final sense — a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed."

The President pointed up this crucial expenditure by actually translating the cost of a heavy bomber, a fighter plane and a destroyer into terms of schools, hospitals, power plants, food and shelter. This technique is familiar, but it always comes as an appalling shock to be told, for example, that a single fighter plane represents the cost of a half-million bushels of wheat, or that the price of one bomber would build and equip two fine hospitals.

"These are words that translate into every language on earth." There is already evidence that not only these words but the warmth of meaning and feeling behind them have been translated in many parts of the world. This is a basis for peace that every person can understand and that all would welcome.

President Eisenhower has opposed this concept frontally. He sees peace and its fruits in the positive sense of a challenge to the better world. He sees this in terms of the relief of suffering from hunger and cold. He sees it in terms of achievement and vast human progress. Herein he speaks for our better selves and challenges both our character and our imagination.

can be expected to be a remarkable hedge-podge and this account, extending from the Victorian era to the Cold War meets that expectation. Mr. Penny's memoirs are a mine of information about personalities and events during three generations of Canada's growth, but it is hard to resist the conclusion that had author and editor been different individuals the product would have had more appeal for the reader. There can be few, if any Canadian newspapermen whose experience was so varied as this long-time editor of the Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

Notes By The Way

We can understand the reason for thieves making off with unguarded gold bricks. It is some-what akin to finding a \$100 bill lying on a store counter. The temptation is too great for a thief to resist. But a slab of stone! And a piece of stone that weighs 200 pounds, at that. It isn't the sort of thing for which a thief can find a market. It might be useful as a stepping stone, or an addition to a rockery, as long as the engraving stays hidden.

The inequality of educational opportunities in Canada is notorious. For a healthy national life there should be no such inequalities. Already in this session of Parliament at Ottawa there has been a debate on the subject. There should be more. It is to be hoped that the Liberal government will try to overcome serious constitutional obstacles to federal aid for education.

The bonds between Canada and the Netherlands are being strengthened. Not only are we receiving increasing numbers of Hollanders — especially here in Southern Ontario — as new Canadians, but the Canadian Army in Europe has now recruited 50 Dutch bandmen. The plan is attributed to Defence Minister Claxton, who on a recent visit commented upon the fine musicianship of these military bandmen. It is a unique scheme whereby Dutch nationals, retaining their nationality, have been allowed to sign up with a foreign army. Possibly this is a sign of what the future holds in the way of international relations and the closer integration of people of different races.

Walker Stone, program chairman of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, introduced Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, head of the new Department of Health Education and Welfare, to the editors convention. Mrs. Secretary, "Her decision, Mr. Stone adduced, 'is, "Don't call me Madam." Later the department issued the following announcement: "Secretary Hobby requests that she be referred to as 'Mrs. Secretary' not as 'Madam Secretary.' Her request is based on the fact that she feels the title of 'Mrs.' is a fine American word and prefers this to the more formal, protocol title of 'Madam.'"

There is a music season in New York just getting under way. Its

opening does not hang on booking dates or season programs, but merely on the first warm breeze that opens the windows of the city. It is the music that comes from the streets, from back courtyards, from the fire escapes and window ledges — the music that scales the brick of apartment buildings and comes into the home. It is rough, amateurish, often off-tune, struggling music; but it comes with its own personal offering, its assurance to a city, where crocuses do not bloom, that spring has again returned.

In Belleville, a thief stole a traveller's sample cases out of a car, his loot 100 shoes all for the left foot. All he needs to do now is look out for another shoe-salesman who carries right-foot samples, and match them up.

A zone meeting of the Canadian Legion in North Bay rose up in righteous wrath over the "sacrilegious conduct" of members of the public during a Legion parade and following a Cenotaph service held in conjunction with the meeting. The Legion took understandable exception to the alleged slouching of police officers and at least one serviceman as the Union Jack was paraded past these people, and further exception to the use of a flag in a Main street window as a "table cloth" for silverware. To add insult to injury, an officer of the Legion came upon several teen-agers using wreaths placed at the Cenotaph for "necklaces" while they had their pictures taken by companions.

The Age-Old Story

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

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