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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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Warring Worlds

Scientists are now observing the greatest crash in the history of creation, yet it occurred several million years ago...

This information and much more is learned about areas of the sky beyond the most powerful telescopes by radio astronomy...

At the other extreme of magnitude, just to indicate that size means very little, is the atom, that smallest particle of matter...

It seems a little strange that the oldest thing on earth is probably the light of distant stars striking at this very instant...

Without going so far afield we may observe, with the aid of some inward reflection, that we are not merely living in the present...

Federal Expenditures

An unusual announcement comes from Ottawa this week, to the effect that it has been decided to pay incentive bonuses to Federal employees for suggestions that save the taxpayers money...

There is a wide scope here for initiative, and source material should not be difficult to find. A comprehensive survey of Dominion Government outlays on civilian projects and services has been conducted by an Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal Gazette...

In many instances Mr. Blakely finds the margin of higher expenditures over those in the past fiscal year to be substantial. He cites the department of agriculture as a case in point...

The fisheries department also has boosted its spending in the period under review by almost 50 per cent. Its seven-month total outlays touched \$6.4 million this year...

Other departments found to be spending more than last year are, National Revenue, a boost of \$5.6 millions to \$54.8; Transport, an increase of \$5.3 millions; Finance, a high jump of \$108 millions...

other departments increases of less than \$1 million also are shown.

The fact that some non-defense departments are spending more than they did a year ago is not necessarily evidence of extravagance. The fact remains, however, that out of every \$1 of the taxpayer's money going into the Ottawa treasury...

Federal Subsidies

President H. H. Hannam, of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, in answer to criticism of farm subsidies, suggests that in the past six years farm price support programs had cost the Federal Government \$10,000,000—equal to the amount paid out in subsidies to gold mines in one year alone.

"Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner," notes the Windsor Star, "was hardly fair, much less convincing, when he said farm subsidies in the past 13 years totalled almost \$1,000,000,000. That included the war years when farmers accepted, even with the subsidies, much less than they could have obtained had food prices not been controlled..."

"We would prefer if all industries could get by without subsidies or price supports—including those in the form of tariffs. But, after all, there is a difference between subsidizing those who grow food for people to eat than those who mine gold so it can be buried somewhere else!"

EDITORIAL NOTES

Driving close behind another car is always a dangerous practice. The view of the second driver is obscured and he has practically no time to cope with a sudden emergency. In winter such emergencies are apt to be the more frequent.

The proposed "town council" for the married quarters at Slemmon Park would be in a very different position from that of any civilian community. As authority is already established, the council would necessarily be more of an advisory committee than a governmental body.

Christmas lights will soon be seen everywhere. They are cheerful to see but can be a source of danger. It is better to take precautions against overheated bulbs or faulty wiring than to risk fire when the house is especially full of combustible material.

Tired of waiting for the Government to take further steps in reform of the House of Lords, the upper chamber is taking the initiative and is debating a bill to allow the creation of a limited number of life peerages. Perhaps the long delayed reform of the Senate can be initiated from the Red Chamber.

Two recent nominations, those of Brigadier Price for Prince County and Major J. A. MacDonald for Queen's, complete the Conservative slate in Prince Edward Island for the next federal election. Both candidates are to be congratulated upon the strong indorsement they received at their conventions...

The Statute of Westminster was passed by the British Parliament this date 1931. It gave effect to the decisions of the Imperial Conference of 1926, abolishing the power of Parliament at Westminster to legislate for the Dominions or veto Dominion acts. At Canada's request, this and a provision acknowledging the right of Dominion Parliaments to amend or repeal any act of the British Parliament applying to them, were not made applicable to this country to retain the B. N. A. Act intact until machinery could be devised for its amendment by Canada...

It Calls For The Red Carpet



PUBLIC FORUM

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

FLYING THE FLAG

Sir,—I was much surprised to hear that the flag was not raised at the New London Soldier's Memorial on Armistice Day, Nov. 11th last. The late Mr. J. LeRoy Holman donated a fine flag and every year a collection is taken which goes toward a fund for the care and upkeep of the Memorials, all of which is vested in a committee. The Union Jack is an emblem of our nation, to see it flying is a reminder of the great achievements and fine traditions of the past. It is the flag our boys fought and bled under, and for the right to keep it flying and all that implies many of them gave their lives, a son of mine was one of these.

No finer tribute can be paid to their memory than to have the flag flying at the Cenotaph where their names are inscribed on "Remembrance Day" when this is not done it means that a tribute has been withheld.

I am, Sir, etc. R. M. CARR New London, P. E. I.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

Sir,—The East Prince Ministerial Association at a meeting held in Epworth Hall, Summerside, on Tuesday last, called attention to the increased secularization of Christmas observances, as illustrated by emphasis on material giving, lucky tickets on turkeys and other merchandise, and the irrelevant use of Christmas carols.

The Association calls attention to the positive meaning of Christmas. We celebrate this great occasion because at the first Christmas God gave the gift of a Saviour. In fact, God Himself came down to be among men. He came and was born in a manger and made sacred the ties of family life everywhere. Gifts at Christmas ought to be symbols

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

EARLY ADVERTISEMENTS

From the columns of the Weekly Recorder of Prince Edward Island, Nov. 25, 1813:

"Wanted: A Young Man to assist in a Store; must write a fair hand and can be well recommended. If he speaks the Gaelic Tongue will be preferred. Also a stout Lad to look after Cattle and drive the Cart.—Apply at this office."

Evans & Mabey announce the reception of their Fall Supplies, which they offer for sale, together with their stock on hand, for Cash, Approved bills, or short credit with security. Benj. Webster advertises to let, for a term of one year or more, "the house lately occupied by Mr. Hatton, of Charlottetown, with the Garden and Outhouses attached, the situation being in a central part of the town, suitable to a private family or persons in mercantile trade. Benj. Chappell, Post Master, announces that the mails for Halifax will be made up at his office on the first and fifteenth of every month from this date.

John Jury advertises for an apprentice, of twelve to fourteen years of age, to learn to clean and repair clocks and watches, rings, etc. "Terms—I cannot engage with a Boy less than Five or Seven years. The Agreement for Five years, will be the three first years clothed, found and Lodged, and the two last years the same besides Sixteen Pounds, half cash and half order. I cannot expect any Premium in this new country,—any good boy

of the Divine gift — and at Christmas ought to be symbolic of the Divine gift — and at Christmas the attention of children should be directed to the needs of others.

Let us observe Christmas by giving to those who have no means of returning the gift, by acts of worship within the family circle and in our churches, and by seeking to express the real spirit of Christ by our everyday living.

I am, Sir, etc. CHAS. A. BRITTEN, Secretary.

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Notes By The Way

Some idiot mailed a package of matches which caught fire in Montreal and destroyed 50 bags of letters and parcels. That's the sort of person who holds a lighted match over the mouth of a gasoline tank to see what happens.—Ottawa Journal.

Four hundred babies "brought into the world" by a doctor in Pinckneyville, Ill., gave him a testimonial dinner. Per cryin' out loud! Did they sit in highchairs and bring their own bottles?—Ottawa Citizen.

The Federal government is instituting a program designed to encourage Canadians to "see Canada first." It is to be hoped the United States government doesn't launch a similar program in the U. S., as this would be bad for Canada's tourist trade.—Ottawa Citizen.

When a reporter on a mid-western daily was sent out to round up opinion of the man on the street concerning the modern woman, as to prevent its communication to the house and large store."

A lengthy list of Townships, parts of Townships and pasture lots in the Royalties of Georgetown, Charlottetown and Princetown is advertised by Wade Goff, Coroner for payment of arrears under the Land Tax Act—a not uncommon procedure at that time. "The lands," states the announcement, "belong chiefly to absent, and unknown Proprietors whose right of redemption expires in two years from the day of sale; and should such lands be claimed at any time short of that period the above mentioned Act specifies that the Proprietor so claiming shall refund the purchase money with interest thereon to the purchaser and also pay the full value of any improvements that shall be made upon the premises."

Col. Thomas Disbry advertises numerous desirable properties for sale, including "the Lots comprising the lands commonly called the Grove, and Point Pleasant with other Lands on the North River," a "small clear Farm with a dwelling house and garden known by the name of Dr. Gordon's Farm," and a dwelling-house and lot "in Charlotte-Town near to both Church and Market."

Waters & Birnie, merchants, offer for sale "on very reasonable terms, excellent Rum, Sugar and Moon, just imported direct from the West Indies."

The Age-Old Story

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Advertisement for YARDLEY Gift Sets. Features 'Christmas gifts for everyone!', 'The Gift of Quality YARDLEY GIFT SETS', and a list of products including Grossmith Soap, Evening in Paris Chests and Sets, Ashes of Roses Sets, LaCRESTE Bubble Bath Liquid, Chantilly Bath Crystals, Cutex Sets, Evening in Paris Toilet Water, Bourjois Endering Cologne, Goya Perfumes, Hill's English Devon Garden Perfumes, Musical Powder and Candy Boxes, and Jewellery. Includes the text 'Christmas Shopping Is Easy When You Shop With Us—Come In Soon.' and 'YARDLEY Gift Sets For Her—from \$2.00 to \$10.00 For Him—from \$2.35 to \$10.00'.

Advertisement for THE JENKINS PHARMACY. Text includes 'SAVE WITH SAFETY', 'BUY WITH CONFIDENCE', 'THE REAL STORE', 'DISPENSING CHEMISTS', 'PHONE 219', 'COR. ST. GEORGE & KENT STS. CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.' and 'Jewellite by Pro-phy-lactic For Your Best Girl Friend \$11.95'.