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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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Now For The Marine Slip!

With the assurance of a new automobile car ferry being built by the Dominion Government and made available by 1955, another splendid opportunity arises of benefiting this Province both industrially and from the standpoint of water transportation.

The question of a marine slip for Charlottetown has been mooted for a long time. Back as far as 1915 the Dominion proposed to build a railway drydock at Southport with accommodation sufficient to overhaul the Borden car ferry, and designs were actually prepared by an American firm for this purpose.

In October of that year the Maritime Board of Trade, in annual meeting at Moncton, endorsed the proposal of a marine drydock for Charlottetown and in the following November, at a meeting called by the Charlottetown Board of Trade, a strongly worded resolution was forwarded to Ottawa on the subject.

This issue was revived from time to time but unfortunately it became a political football, and met the fate of similar issues by being trotted out in election campaigns and then conveniently shelved and forgotten.

These facts are stated by way of emphasizing the importance of a meeting which has been called for Tuesday evening next in the City Hall, by employees of Bruce Stewart and Company, who have invited our Federal, Provincial and civic representatives, Board of Trade and Commerce Chamber members to sit in on a discussion of our marine slip requirements.

Charting Arctic Waterways

There are 10,000 miles of water passages in Canada's Arctic archipelago. The area is described as "a vast ramifications of interlocking channels", presenting a tremendous challenge to hydrographers.

Mr. F. C. G. Smith, Dominion hydrographer, has read a paper on the subject before a panel meeting of the American Society of Photogrammetry. The mapping of this vast Arctic area will be done chiefly by aerial photographs.

Few details are known, except that the plateau is crossed by deep gullies—submarine valleys extending in between the Arctic islands and affording navigation routes for well-strengthened vessels.

ture, and for this reason alone modern coastal charts and large-scale charts of prospective ore-shipping ports must be made available.

This extension of Canada's interests in the north accentuates our tremendous possibilities as a nation, as well as the fact that year by year the world is growing smaller, bringing the continents closer together and forcing new conditions upon world statesmen in shaping a course that will avoid a catastrophic war.

Excellent Publicity

Among our many summer attractions to visitors from other Provinces and the United States is the freedom we enjoy from ragweed, so dreaded by hay fever victims. An eradication program started in the Charlottetown area last year has gone far to clean out the pest entirely, and this goal will, it is hoped, be achieved during the present season.

Realizing the great possibilities of this the P. E. I. Tourist and Information Bureau is giving it wide publicity, and there is no doubt that it will attract many additional visitors to the Province, particularly in late August and during the month of September when the need for relief from hay fever is at its worst.

Wrong Emphasis

The Government is not putting first things first in emphasizing the iniquity of the unknown individual who supplied C. C. F. Leader M. J. Coldwell with a copy of the Currie Report. It must have embarrassed the Prime Minister and his colleagues that a Member of Parliament should have had access to the report on conditions in the Department of National Defence before it was ready to be formally presented to Parliament.

Any Member of Parliament, in fact, would seem to be a more proper recipient of the report than the Minister whose Department was being investigated. What is shown by the reaction of the Government is that the conception of security is not so much the safety of the nation as the protection of the Government from embarrassing revelations.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany.

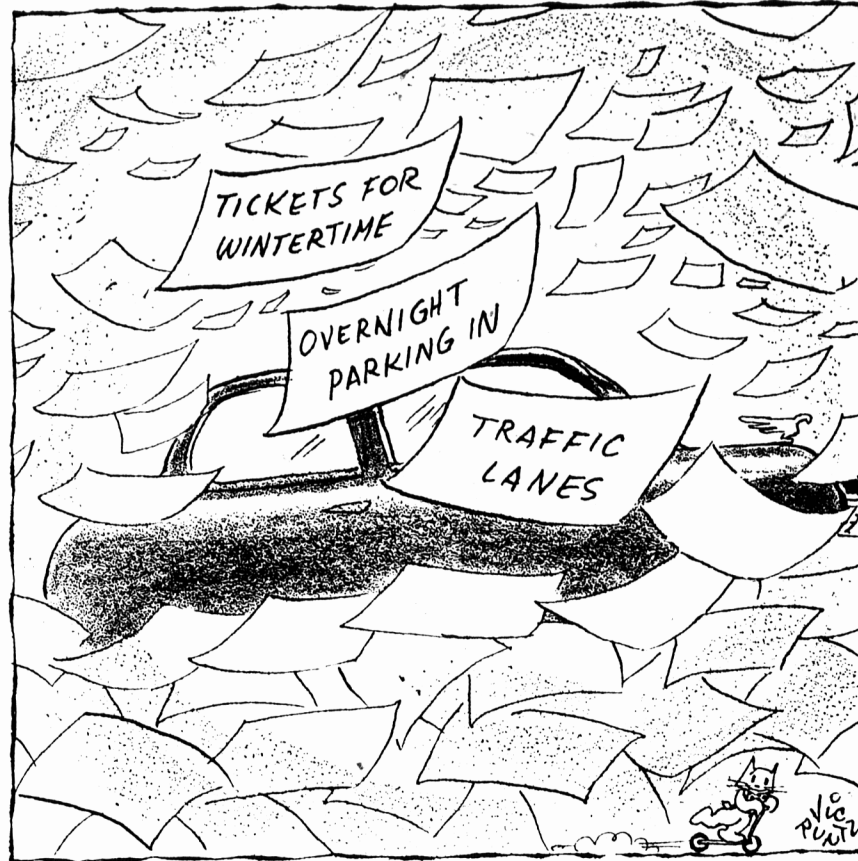
It would be easy to be jocular about the Summerside Business and Professional Women's interest in speech training but the subject is, in fact, extremely important. Good speech habits are even more fundamental in education than the three R's.

Montague's concrete street paving, undertaken in 1931, has now been fully paid for. The payment in full was dramatized in a ceremony in which the final lot of debentures was burned by Mayor B. H. Yeo.

H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh has been appointed to the highest rank in the British Army and R. A. F. The Royal Navy, however, has a higher rank than Admiral of the Fleet. The post of Lord High Admiral has long been "in commission", the commissioners being commonly known as the Admiralty.

Anton Tchekov, Russian novelist and short-story writer, was born this date 1860. He alternated between writing and medical practice but was always poor and generally in ill-health. He was interested in the social order and in peasant studies but never posed political problems.

A Good Storm To Keep Out Of



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.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Sir.—Some years ago I lived for six months in a model home. Love was there and humour and good fellowship, but across the line fence was a family with which my family had no dealings. They never spoke to each other. The children never played together.

It is a strange thing that church quarrels are the most difficult of all to settle. Members take sides and it spreads. So many excuses are found for carrying it on. It can be called cold war because it is a denial of the very thing for which the church stands, viz. peace on earth and good will among men.

This is God's world, and it includes the church which is set here to be the means of the world's redemption. Jesus was profoundly anxious that his people should live in harmony, therefore all have the only public prayer he ever uttered as far as we know, the burden of which was that his people might all be one.

There is a growing harmony between the churches. We are beginning to realize that our divisions are dishonouring to Jesus and degrading his kingdom. The whole trend of church life today is toward unity. It is something to pray for daily. The salvation of mankind depends upon the solution of this problem before the wider problem that is vexing the world today.

I am, Sir, etc. W. I. GREEN, Stanley Bridge.

Old Charlottetown

(And F. E. L.) WATCHING THE COURIERS

"On Thursday last His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Lady Mary Fitzroy, Miss Fitzroy, and Mr. George Fitzroy, accompanied by the Hon. T. H. Haviland and Mr. Haythorne, proceeded to Cape Traverse, for the purpose of witnessing the couriers crossing the Strait of Northumberland, on their return from Cape Tormentine with the weekly mail.

The principal object of His Excellency's visit was to ascertain if any and what improvement could be made in the present winter mail route. "The party arrived at the Cape on Friday, at noon, and after driving on the fixed shore ice for nearly a mile, discovered the couriers at the distance of about four miles, making their way through the drift ice. The day being exceedingly fine, the sight was truly gratifying, and we understand that His Excellency expressed himself in terms of commendation of the hardy perseverance and diligence displayed by Mr. Phillip Irving, the contractor, and his co-travellers. We hope the subject will receive attention in the proper quarter, and that suitable encouragement will be afforded to the praiseworthy exertions of these enterprising men."

—The Colonial Herald, April 10, 1841.

ROYAL MEMENTO

LONDON — (CP) — A bronze plaque has been set in the floor of historic Westminster Hall to mark the place of the late King George's lying-in-state before the royal funeral in February, 1952.

Notes By The Way

A dentist says that hypnotism can make his work painless. We presume that he would think poorly of a further simplification—using hypnotism to make the tooth-ache painless and thus eliminating him altogether? —Peterborough Examiner.

The pickers in Ottawa carry signs in English and French saying: "Think of the Rosenberg Children." Yes, think of them and think of all the children of traitors and murderers who apparently gave no thought to their children when they committed their crimes. Appeals to sentimentality are the last resort of those who themselves were without mercy to their fellow countrymen when they sold out to the enemies of their country.

The police officer who arrested himself for speeding when his squad car hit a parked car while he was chasing a speedster in the line of duty, is probably the best example of obedience to the law, regardless of the offender. We can't help wondering though if he actually enjoyed the penalty of the fine he imposed on himself and if his feelings toward "cops" were as friendly as before. One could develop a split personality under such a situation. —Brockville Recorder and Times.

The family may have lost much of its authority, but it has lost nothing which can prevent it from having very young children immunized against such diseases as whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever, and smallpox. Mothers and fathers have an obligation to see that children are protected against these diseases. Failure to do so is a crime.

The Age-Old Story

And it came to pass also on another Sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered. And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the Sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him. But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth. Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath day to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it? And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

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The Passing Scene

A news report from the States says that President-Elect Eisenhower is already having trouble over minor office appointments. Republican congressmen are loudly complaining that they are being unjustly bypassed in the matter of job assignments, and from all sections of the country there are demands from good Republicans (and bad ones, too, no doubt) that they should have more to say as to who should or should not share in the feast of fat things.

If that were all it would be bad enough but that is only part of the sorry tale. The tragedy is that often the usefulness of political leaders, especially when they are in office, is impaired very considerably by the time and energy they are obliged to waste in trying to appease the angry parasites.

The old shibboleth "To the victors belong the spoils" is about as undemocratic as anything could be. In military warfare it has long since been abandoned. It seems destined not to be abandoned in national affairs so long as there are third-rate politicians who can think of nothing but election day votes and third-rate electors who are prepared to barter their franchise for a price.

In a dictatorship where one party domination is accepted without question, the principle is consistent with all the other foolishness involved. But Democratic government has never implied one party domination, at least in theory. Minorities have rights and responsibilities no less than majorities. This fact, perhaps more than any other, is what distinguishes free political institutions from institutions that are rigidly controlled by totalitarian hands.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

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