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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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Should Be Supervised

In a city fortunate in the possession of so many tree-lined streets and avenues as Charlottetown, it is necessary that constant attention be given to keeping power and telephone lines clear of overhanging branches. It is also desirable, however, that this work be done under proper supervision, much more so than has been the case in recent years.

It is well to remember that these trees were planted with loving hands by earlier generations, in Arbor Day ceremonies in which the Mayor, the Councillors and other leading citizens took an active part along with the school children. Their handiwork is all about us today, and the least we can do is to see that this heritage is preserved.

A good example comes to hand in the case of the city of Fredericton, N. B., where a number of old shade trees require to be removed, and where a Tree Commission for this purpose has been set up.

Let us hope that some action along this line will be taken in due time in Charlottetown, where the matter is surely of equal importance.

Electrification Plans in N. B.

Steps are now in progress towards development of more electric power in New Brunswick. The project, or rather correlated projects adjudged feasible for producing this added power supply are in the Upper Saint John River border area and in the State of Maine. The particular sites in New Brunswick are at Beechwood, Morrell and Hawkshaw, while those in Maine are at Rankin Rapids and Masardis.

Over 25 years such expenditure would be at the rate of \$5 million annually, but of course, not all of it would be borne by New Brunswick. Maine, according to the electrical energy extent to which its rights in the boundary waters entitles the state, would also contribute its share of construction costs.

M. P.'s Reading Habits

It is expected to be a year before the Parliamentary Library, crippled by fire and water last August, will be available to M.P.'s and students, or be able to lend books.

with the volumes on the shelves of the Library.

"It was not always so. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was as familiar a figure in the Library as the librarians themselves, snatching every opportunity to commune with the books he loved; Sir Robert Borden was a constant borrower of biography and history; Hugh Guthrie was an avid student of all the source materials of the Civil War; Arthur Meighen, as a young member, divided his time between the Library and the Commons chamber; Ernest Lapointe pored daily over classics, essays and orations, making himself in time a master of good English. And there were others.

"Today, we are told on high authority, an M.P. in the Library is a rarity. Prime Ministers and party leaders, the prisoners of reports, vast correspondence, blue books, and economic graphs and charts, have no time for history and biography, much less for poetry and pure literature, while private members seem content with the smoking and committee rooms. Only a few of the old timers, men like Mr. C. G. Power, keep up the old tradition.

"One result, inevitable, is that a literary allusion in a House of Commons speech today is all but unknown. Milton and Shakespeare and Burke have bowed out to make way for the statisticians."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Congratulations are in order for the Summerside Air Cadet Squadron on winning, for the third time, the Group Captain Lewis Trophy for general proficiency.

A welcome visitor to Charlottetown today is the Hon. R. H. Winters, Federal Minister of Resources and Development, who is personally known to many of our citizens and as a Maritimer is well versed in our particular problems.

Charlottetown is acquiring a good name for refitting naval craft. The experience gained in preparing the "Westmount" and "Malpeque" for service will be invaluable in handling further defence orders when forthcoming.

With the increasing popularity of their event the administrators of the South Shore Musical Festival are showing consideration to the public in instituting preliminary eliminations. When more than six, often far more, repeated the same number at the festival the effect was apt to be a bit overwhelming.

Although Canada has thirty-six flying clubs which are authorized by Army Headquarters to conduct refresher flying training, none are on Prince Edward Island. Canadian Army Active Force officers who are qualified army light aircraft pilots but no longer on full-time flying duties may get as much as four hours flying time each month to keep up to scratch.

Mohandas Gandhi, "Mahatma" as the spiritual leader of the Indian national movement, was born this date 1869. He gave up a lucrative law practice in Johannesburg to devote his life to the repudiation of violence and the exaltation of the individual conscience. He frequently suffered imprisonment at the hands of the authorities and violence even from extremists on his own side.

The warning of Mr. G. W. Boswell of the depletion of organic matter in the soil is a matter of great concern. As agronomist at the Experimental Station, Charlottetown, he has learned at first hand the seriousness of failing to replace organic matter in the soil. The waste of manure, the burning of grass and similar extravagances are beyond the means of this Province as an agricultural area.

Visitors to the Province are impressed by many points of interest, but two of them seem absolutely incongruous. One is the remarkably fine care and accommodation given our aged and dependent citizens, the equal of which may not be found anywhere, and the other is the dilapidated, overcrowded, and unprepossessing construction of the Charlottetown Schools, the like of which are also unequalled in any city of similar size.

The dairy industry faces competition for another of its products in addition to butter, which is fighting the inroads of margarine. The new products, says "Marketing," is a vegetable fat made from cotton seed and masquerading more or less successfully as ice cream. The competition looks like ice cream, costs less, and comes in several flavours. Several of the large dairies in the States have experimented successfully with the newcomer and are selling it under their brand names.



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.

LATIN IN THE SCHOOLS

Sir,—The writer of "Let's Talk It Over" seems to be very much opposed to the study of Latin. He said that not many read Latin for pleasure and that the years spent in learning it are a waste of time.

THE AGE-OLD STORY

Thus saith the Lord, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

The Poet's Corner

The God of Music dwelleth out of doors. All seasons through his minstrelsy Breathing by field and covert haunting-sweet: From organ-lofts in forests old he pours A solemn harmony; on leafy floors To smooth Autumnal pipes he moves his feet, Or with the tingling plectrum of the sleet.

POTATO BOARD NEEDED

Sir,—I would like to know why the farmers should not have a Potato Marketing Board to market their potatoes. Do Mr. Inman and Mr. Miller think the farmers are not smart enough to handle their own business? I think they are. Why should they trust the dealers to market their potatoes?

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News also came from London, England, that great numbers of people suffering from the most common form of heart disease, known as mitral stenosis—an obstruction of the valve inside the heart—can now look forward to a longer span of life. Details of an operation for this type of disease are to be discussed by 500 heart specialists at the first European Congress of Cardiology being held in the University of London.

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Old Charlottetown

RAILWAY WAGES Provincial Legislature, March 6, 1881: "Early in the session Dr. Mutart moved for a comparative statement of the salaries and wages paid employees of the Intercolonial and P. E. Island Railways respectively. The following information has been tabled: "Intercolonial Railway: Paymasters, \$100 per month; Trackmasters, \$100 per month; Section Foremen, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day; Section men, 90 cts. to \$1.10 per day."

Advances in Heart Surgery

A man who is described as having been a hopeless and bed-ridden victim of coronary heart disease recently underwent an operation at the Edgewater Hospital in Chicago which enabled him within a few days to walk briskly along a corridor and ascend two flights of stairs. He is the first person in that city on whom the operation was performed. Prior to September 3 he had been confined to bed for 11 months. Even a short walk would bring on an attack of the painful malady.

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The Passing Scene

It would not be correct to say that I look forward to the opening of the hunting season just as eagerly as I anticipate the first day of fishing in the Spring. Just the same, Oct. 1st is one of the high days in my calendar, for it means the first of many days on the prowl with a definite purpose in mind. If past experiences of first days provide any clue to the year's prospects—and I expect they do—most of my pleasure, perhaps all of it, will be in happy anticipation. Unless a miracle is unfolded, and of course that possibility cannot be altogether ruled out, Oct. 1st will pass somewhat in this manner: At the break of dawn, while the heavy dew is still on the grass, I will be at some place where I know there are plenty of ducks. I will say to myself (and what better audience could I have?) "this is the day I will bag my limit!"

The truth is I have never been eminently successful with a gun except on one occasion. That time I surprised one of the best shots in these parts. It was back in the early thirties just after I had seen this Island for the first time. The time was mid-November on a windy, snowy day, just ideal for mallards. (I was not breaking the law, for the season was longer then.) Captain Temple Gotell of Georgetown, who then had, and still has for all I know, a reputation for never missing anything he aimed at, was my companion for the day. As good luck should have it (for us, that is, not for the ducks) we came across a family of nine, all happily and gracefully swimming in an out of the way creek. In those days a duck was a duck, as far as I was concerned, whether he happened to be flying, sitting, or even sleeping. I know better now, but that was how I felt then. My friend, knowing this weakness, told me to see what I could do. What he really expected was that the only effect of my blast would be to arouse the birds. Then he would wing at least one.

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