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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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Final Preparations

Already, throughout the City and Province, the country and the whole Commonwealth, final preparations are under way for the Coronation Day celebration on Tuesday. Reference is made in a proclamation by Mayor Stewart to the local arrangements, and to the desirability of all our citizens participating in the programme and of decorating their homes and places of business for the joyous occasion.

We are not customarily a demonstrative people, but this great event should not pass without an all-out effort being made to show our heartfelt interest and enthusiasm. Let us make it such an affair that the children of today—who will have a prominent part in the proceedings—will recall it fifty years hence as one of their most memorable experiences. Such indeed was the case on the occasion of Queen Victoria's coronation 115 years ago. The prayer at that time too was for "a long, happy and glorious reign," and it was abundantly fulfilled. We cannot, of course, foretell what the future may have in store for our present gracious Sovereign, but we know that the omens are most auspicious, and that nothing is lacking in the loyalty and affection of her subjects or in her own feeling of responsibility and dedication as she approaches the great day of her consecration and enthronement.

A Metropolitan Authority?

An interesting proposal was made at the annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Division of the Community Planning Association of Canada. It is that one body be set up and given authority to supply the amenities of modern living to a whole metropolitan area, as in Greater Vancouver where water is supplied to all the cities, towns and villages in the whole Vancouver area.

There can be no denying that this Province has suffered because of the unreality of political demarcation. City and town authorities are responsible for providing the essentials of urban existence but to a very great extent have had no say in development over the years because for the most part it took place beyond their municipal boundaries.

On the other hand an authority which assumed responsibility to the actual as distinct from the legal communities, supplying them with water, sewerage, streets, sidewalks, police and education would leave very little for the member municipality to do. In fact, considering the size of our communities, such a division of authority is quite unnecessary. It can hardly be maintained that any intermediate body between the Province and the municipalities is necessary in this Island with its population of 98,429.

The real answer is to make the legal boundaries of municipalities coincide with real communities so that city, town and village councils and their respective boards and commissions would be able to plan for their growing areas. Certainly no community in this Province is so over-sized that a single authority is incapable of administering it properly.

Queen's Coronation Guests

The official list of Royal and other guests whom the Queen has invited to attend her Coronation contains 200 names. 25 territories are represented from great world powers like the U. S. A. and U. S. S. R. to small kingdoms and islands. 22 of the guests bear the title of Royal Highness, two are Imperial Highnesses and two are Supreme Highnesses, while another five are Highnesses. The Crown Princes of Norway, Japan, Ethiopia and Laos will represent their ruling houses and countries. One reigning queen appearing in the list—Queen Salote Tupou of Tonga—is among the rulers of Colonial Territories listed. Her name is accompanied by that of Princess Mataaho, Luxembourg's hereditary Grand Duke and Duchess are other guests.

Five Sultans have been invited, two Sultanas, several sheiks and a number of paramount chiefs. The Republics of Panama, Bolivia, and Liberia are represented by their Vice-Presidents, Italy by its President of the Council who is also Foreign Minister, and France, Portugal, Turkey, Uruguay, Burma, Syria and the Philippines by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs. The Prime Ministers of Finland, Malta, Colombia, and Libya, and the acting Prime Minister of

Korea, have been invited. The German Federal Republic is represented by its Vice-Chancellor.

The Commonwealth countries whose Prime Ministers have been invited are Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Southern Rhodesia. Two heads of High Commission Territories, ten rulers of Colonial Territories, and 37 representatives of Colonial Territories have also received the Queen's invitation.

Countries represented by their ambassadors to the Court of St. James's include Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Mexico, Rumania, Switzerland, and the U. S. S. R.

The U. S. A. is represented by General of the Army George Marshall. The Holy See is represented by His Excellency the Most Reverend Monsignor Fernando Cento.

Children's Eating Habits

A valuable study of the eating habits of 4,734 young school children in Toronto has just been completed by the nutrition committee of that city with the co-operation of the board of education and health department. The basic information was obtained from pupils attending grade VI in all public schools last October. The findings, which are of general interest, point to the need of continuous, organized efforts to correct the daily eating habits of growing children. The following conditions were found:

One half of the Grade VI children in Toronto ate no vegetables, excepting potatoes, although vegetables were in plentiful supply. A third did not get any citrus fruits at all, in a season when such fruits were available at reasonable prices. A fourth did not drink sufficient milk, that is, not even a pint a day, the minimum required by a growing child. Over one-half ate no whole grain breakfast cereal, and this group had light breakfasts. Two-thirds did not get vitamin D. Almost all got liberal servings of meat, the most expensive food. Nearly half received generous portions of sweet foods (cake, candy, pie, soft drinks).

The committee's comments on the disproportionate use of meat and sweet foods are important: "The generous use of sweet foods wastes money that could be better spent on healthful foods. The generous use of meat indicates that considerable education effort is advisable."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Memorial Day, U. S. A.

Tomorrow, Trinity Sunday.

Greetings are being extended to the charming old Windsor, N. S., which is celebrating its 250th anniversary.

Tomorrow is Coronation Sunday and church services will really form the preliminary to the Coronation which is itself essentially a religious ceremony.

In this Province we have the advantage of knowing what other producers are doing in the way of increasing or decreasing potato acreage before it is time to put in our own crop. There is always the question, unfortunately, of whether production will even approximately follow acreage trends.

The honorary life membership in the Potato Association of America conferred upon Mr. S. G. Peppin is certainly well merited, and will be appreciated both on Mr. Peppin's account and as a recognition of the important contribution this Province has made to the potato industry in general.

Wilbur Wright, younger brother and partner of Orville Wright, died this date 1912. He assisted in building the "Kitty Hawk", on whose basic plan all aeroplanes are constructed. It was flown by Orville at Kitty Hawk, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1903, the first mechanical flight in history. In 1948 the Kensington Museum returned the famous plane to the United States for preservation in the National Air Museum in Washington.

The problem of safety is a community problem. In many cities throughout Canada last year property damage caused by automobile accidents exceeded by far the total police force budgets. Approximately 92 per cent of traffic accidents are caused by the errors of drivers and the remaining 8 per cent by faulty mechanism of automobiles. Nevertheless, if only a fraction of the 3 million-odd motor vehicles in Canada are safety-checked during May, there is bound to be a progressive reduction of preventable accidents—a substantial advance on the road to a safety-conscious Canadian public and to the end of the era of road tragedy.



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.

MAJOR THOMAS B. ROGERS

An Appreciation

Sir—A first glance at the front page of The Guardian, Wednesday morning, May 27th, caused a pang of sorrow to grip my heart. My eyes had fallen on the heading: "Death Last Evening of Major Thomas B. Rogers." The passing of Major Rogers has left me minus a friend whom I esteemed very highly. At the outbreak of World War II, I had merely a speaking acquaintance with him. Then our intimate association in the Prince Edward Island Highlanders afforded me an opportunity of appraising at close range his sterling qualities of mind and heart. Our acquaintance speedily blossomed into a deep friendship that never waned throughout the post war years, when we were thousands of miles apart. Last summer when I had the good fortune to be re-posted to the Island, he was one of the first of my yesterday friends whom I was eager to greet. Although the illness to which he recently succumbed had already taken a heavy toll, the warmth of his personality still glowed and his eyes still sparkled with his old-time sense of humour.

The Guardian write-up said Major Rogers was "a keen sportsman". He was a good sport even outside the world of sports. Broad-minded, fair-minded, keen-minded he exercised authority with an efficiency that was always tempered with benignity that stems from a thorough understanding of human frailty. He and I had many predilections in common, not the least of which was our fondness for horses. Apart from many other reasons, I liked him for his cheerful disposition. In my humble opinion a man who could dissipate gloom with the ease with which humanitarianism. He was everywhere and always a purveyor of joy, and "Joy is the echo of God's life in us."

My heart goes out in deep sympathy to his aged mother, his beloved wife, his sons and daughters, and all his kinsfolk. His death robs them of a dutiful son, a loving husband, an affectionate father and a colourful family representative. His friends—and their name is legion—will miss his cheerful smile, his friendly handshake, his flashing repartees, and his perennial geniality. Long will he be outlived by the sunshine he diffused far and near! I am, Sir, etc. W. J. ENRIGHT 73 Euston Street.

The Age Old Story

"Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward."

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Old Charlottetown

(And F. E. L.)

NEWS OF YESTERDAY

From The Royal Gazette, Sept. 30, 1854

We have the pleasure to announce the arrival of His Excellency Sir Arrears W. Young to resume the Government of this Island. His Excellency landed yesterday from the barque "Royal William," from Plymouth, under the customary salute. A guard of honour was in attendance on the wharf, where he was received by several members of His Majesty's Council, and a number of the respectable inhabitants. Owing to the prevalence of head winds, the Royal William had a tedious passage of 45 days. In the official part of this day's honour was found an Order in Council signifying the Royal assent to the Act passed by the Legislature of this Island in the year 1833, for limiting the duration of the General Assembly to four years, instead of seven, as formerly enacted. By the passing of this Act a most material change has been effected in the constitution of the Colony, which we sincerely trust may prove conducive to its prosperity. "We understand that His Majesty's Government has refused to grant a Legislative Council for this Island, distinct from the Executive, and composed of gentlemen holding no office under the Crown, as prayed for by the House of Assembly at its last Session." Advertisements on Wednesday, 1st October, at one o'clock, "all that valuable freehold estate, containing seventy acres, more or less, together with the dwelling house and outhouses thereon, at present in the occupation of the Hon. T. H. Haviland, and known by the name of Spring Park." George Wright, Surveyor General, notifies all and sundry that "the Crown Lands in this Island will be disposed of at Public Sale, on the premises, on Wednesday, 1st October, at one o'clock, "all that valuable freehold estate, containing seventy acres, more or less, together with the dwelling house and outhouses thereon, at present in the occupation of the Hon. T. H. Haviland, and known by the name of Spring Park." Advertisements on Wednesday, 1st October, at one o'clock, "all that valuable freehold estate, containing seventy acres, more or less, together with the dwelling house and outhouses thereon, at present in the occupation of the Hon. T. H. Haviland, and known by the name of Spring Park." Advertisements on Wednesday, 1st October, at one o'clock, "all that valuable freehold estate, containing seventy acres, more or less, together with the dwelling house and outhouses thereon, at present in the occupation of the Hon. T. H. Haviland, and known by the name of Spring Park."

McCANN NOMINATED

RENFREW, Ont. (CP)—Revenue Minister McCann Wednesday was nominated Liberal candidate in Renfrew South in the forthcoming Federal election. Dr. McCann has represented the riding in Parliament since the 1935 election.

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The Pool's Corner

A BOY'S SONG

Where the pools are bright and deep, Where the gray trout lies asleep, Up the river and over the lea, That's the way for Billy and me. Where the blackbird sings the latest, Where the hawthorn blooms the sweetest, Where the nestlings chirp and flee, That's the way for Billy and me. Where the mowers mow the cleanest, Where the hay lies thick and greenest, There to track the homeward bee, That's the way for Billy and me. Where the hazel bank is steepest, Where the shadow falls the deepest, Where the clustering nuts fall free, That's the way for Billy and me. Why the boys should drive away Little sweet maidens from their play, Or love to banter and fight so well, That's the thing I never could tell. But this I know, I love to play, Through the meadow, among the hay, Up the water and over the lea, That's the way for Billy and me. —James Hogg.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer

SOME 'EVE OF THE CORONATION' THOUGHTS

It is well on the eve of the everybody concerned looked upon the Queen's Coronation to look back into medieval and post-medieval English history for the purpose of noting some of the changes that have taken place over the years with respect to the Crown itself. In our day the Crown is generally recognized by the peoples of all the Queen's realms as the strong symbol of unity and ordered law. This, of course, is the chief practical justification for its continued existence in modern democratic society. The student of history, however, casually he may approach the subject, knows that it was not always so. For many hundreds of years the Crown, far from being a symbol of unity and law, was, in fact, a symbol of disunity and lawlessness. Whereas today the Sovereign accepts the Crown in full consciousness of the heavy responsibility that goes with it (no less heavy because it is constitutionally limited), there was a time when the Crown was little more than a pawn in the struggle for political power, with little or no sense of responsibility on the part of any claimant.

Whatever have been the sins of the Anglo-Saxon race (and the many off-shoots thereof), the moral evolution that has taken the Crown from nation to Empire to Commonwealth, making it a little more meaningful as a symbol of some value to the world. The "historical" plays of Shakespeare are not, of course, based on exact historical data. The author himself made no such claim for them, nor, so far as I am aware, have any of his interpreters. They were intended as dramas for entertainment, not as texts for knowledge. At the same time there is a sense of history in them all, and most of the characters represented living persons who strode upon the roads of history, some in "seven-league boots", others in slippers. Still others used no footwear at all, if we may judge from the feeble imprint they made on their own times or on posterity. But that's what drama is, a blend of the magnificent and the drab, the world-shaking and the obscure. And the better it is the more noticeable such combinations are.

While "King John" for example, would never be recommended as an authoritative text-book on any period of English history, I think it is quite proper to view it as a fairly good commentary on the "fighting-for-the-Crown" mentality that was so common in that period. It presents such a contrast to our present day concept of the function of the Crown that the warrant a place in our thinking at this time. It begins, as many other Shakespearean plays do, on an urgent heart of controversy, and the Crown bothering to inquire into the merits of young Arthur's claim (assuming the character is not en-

tirely fictional), the fact is that everybody concerned looked upon the Crown as booty, to be stolen if there was no other way to possess it. War and intrigue were the usual instruments but plain murder, when necessary, was not to be frowned upon. The presumed murder of young Arthur at the hands of the usurping king caused a bit of a stir in some quarters but only because the young man had been robbed of his rightful place. The enormity of the deed appears to have occurred to no one except perhaps the boy's mother. The king himself, assuming (though wrongly) that his henchman had carried out his dastardly wishes, becomes a trifle remorseful, but only because some of the boy's supporters are hot on his trail in anger. What has all this to do with the Coronation of Elizabeth the Second? Nothing at all, except by way of contrast, a little detail which is, I think, of some importance. When the Queen accepts the Crown on Tuesday it is unthinkable that anyone in the world will envy her the possession of it. It is not surprising, of course, that manners and customs have improved considerably in 700 years. But the fact that the Crown is about the only institution that has outlasted the fates of political ambition is, I suggest, something for which Anglo-Saxon civilization can congratulate itself. Men still struggle for political power just as they did in the 13th century—with somewhat milder weapons, it may be admitted—but there is no rivalry for the Crown itself, the symbol of supreme authority and supreme responsibility.

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