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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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The French Situation

The current political crisis in France may not have much disturbing effect on French domestic affairs, for the simple reason that the people in that country are so accustomed to changes in Government leadership that they take them as a matter of course.

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As a matter of fact, there is no way of telling at the moment whether any French administration—granted that one will be found that will last more than a week or so—will consider the approval of the Paris Agreements by the Lower House as a fait accompli.

Federal Public Works

Charlottetown's new Federal Building is, of course, but one of numerous major construction projects which the Federal Department of Public Works is carrying on at the present time.

Actually the Government plans to spend about \$100 million more on public projects, in the broadest sense of the term, during 1955-56 than in the current fiscal year.

For all departments Parliament will be asked to vote a total of about \$358 million in 1955-56 for the construction of buildings, works and contributions to the Trans-Canada Highway.

Mr. Winters' department now has 84 Federal building construction and major reconstruction projects under way, and expects to start work on another 75 such projects during the year.

made clear, is that the Federal Government is only one of the three levels of government engaged in constructing public projects.

Frozen-Food Possibilities

Prospects for Prince Edward Island's participation on a large scale in the frozen-food industry are pictured by Mr. Hugh Paton, himself a native of this Province, and one of a group in Toronto which has acquired a substantial part of the infant industry in Canada.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

About 287,184 pounds of U. S. surplus butter has been recombinated with nonfat dry milk to make evaporated milk, some of which has been sold to Peru.

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New evidence that one totalitarian system is very much like another is conveyed in a report from East Germany. In the Nazi hey-day the National Socialist University Organization made student-spying a normal part of academic life.

The Opposition leader and the Minister of Health and Welfare have both been vigorous in condemning the Railway application for removal of local passenger train services during eight months of the year.



PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of public affairs. The opinions expressed are those of the contributors.

SCHOOL UNIT PLEBISCITE

Sir,—To the average citizen, the statement made by the Minister of Education re plebiscite for School Unit No. 1, as published in the school unit, would indicate the normal working of a democratic people.

To begin with the formation of the school unit was conceived without any consultation with the citizenry. It was done by act of Legislature, but such legislation, is the very antithesis of democratic British government.

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At a recent meeting of the Retail Merchants Association it was decided to try Saturday afternoon closing for a period at least. Now several months have passed and the change is the time to educate ourselves and others we meet on this change in the business life of our city.

There is no reason for the things I know. My instinct is not tethered to a rule. And there are those who'd gladly call me fool.

Significant Soviet Decree

Edward Crankshank, Observer Foreign News Service

The Supreme Soviet, shortly before the resignation of Georgi Malenkov, issued a decree aimed at stopping peasants and their cattle from trespassing on collective property.

The driving of privately owned stock off what has always been regarded as a sort of common land, the forbidding of opportunist grazing to the collective, and the need for laying roads and tracks will, if the instructions are obeyed, start a revolutionary process in which the lands of the collectives will come to resemble increasingly the private farms of the West.

The Soviet state, the preamble goes on, "cannot tolerate" a situation which is the result of "the criminal attitude of individual citizens and officials towards communal Socialist property."

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Medically Speaking

Herman N. Budeses, M.D. BUERGER'S DISEASE CHIEFLY HITS MEN

Many diseases are more prominent in one sex than in the other. Buerger's disease is one of these.

What causes it, we don't know. Many patients are known to have been extremely heavy smokers, and, if you've got Buerger's disease, I strongly advise you to give up tobacco in all forms.

As the disease progresses, you might not be able to walk more than a hundred yards before you have to stop.

File your toenails. Wear a clean pair of socks each day. Use shoes which do not bind. Make sure there are no tears, wrinkles or nails inside your shoes.

Don't use salves, medicated pads or antiseptics unless prescribed by your doctor. Don't cut corns or callouses. Don't use hot water bottles, electric pads or sun lamps to warm your feet.

Answer: There is no evidence that any effect on health can be produced by an electric blanket.

The Age Old Story

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

INDIAN SCHOOLS About 26,000 children were enrolled in Canada's federal school system for Indians in 1953.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

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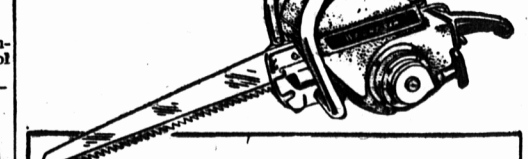
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