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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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Interprovincial Bus Ruling

The Queen's Highway is that of Her Majesty in the right of the Dominion rather than of the Provinces so far as control of bus company operations that go beyond Provincial borders are concerned.

It would, perhaps, be unrealistic for a bus company to have to sell tickets to a trans-continental passenger and comply with the possibly varying laws and regulations of several Provinces.

What the judicial committee does not say is who is now responsible for the highways on which these nationally regulated busses are to operate.

The decision, in fact, opens up very wide fields for discussion and adjustment. When radio and flying became practical problems the matter was simply settled by making Ottawa fully responsible.

Agricultural Outlook

The U. S. Government has stated that it has no intention of "dumping" its surpluses abroad and that its various surplus disposal programs will be carried out in such a way as not to interfere with normal commercial transactions in world markets.

Another cause for anxiety in Canada is that the mounting surpluses across the border is tending to make the U. S. market itself less receptive to imports of Canadian farm products.

On the other hand, in spite of lower prices for some important products, the total cash income of Canadian farmers declined surprisingly little in 1953 from the high figures of the two preceding years.

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bright spots, the Bank letter reports. In spite of the threat of further restrictions, the U. S. market for a wide variety of Canadian farm products is still receptive.

Thus, although conditions in export markets are not encouraging, cash farm income is likely to be pretty well sustained in 1954. The big supplies of feed grains are favorable to livestock and dairy production.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Alberta Government has realized no less than \$52,857,041 on the sale of petroleum and natural gas leases in the 1953-54 fiscal year.

Having Prince Charles and Princess Anne meet their parents in Libya and return with them by way of Gibraltar will have been an awkward stage of the Royal tour.

Being operational at a time when powerful air forces are being maintained abroad seems to be thinning out personnel at the R.C.A.F. station at Summerside.

Discrimination has raised its ugly head in the matter of mailed Income Tax returns. It seems that although the form plainly states that "returns must be made post paid", those addressed to the District Taxation Office, Ottawa, go post free.

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Warm-up Anticipated



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.

CANADIAN MUSICIANS

Sir—I would like to refer your readers, especially all those interested in hearing good music and promoting it to Pages 188-189 of the much-lauded "Massey Report", 1951, brought out by the Royal Commission on the National Development in the Arts and Sciences.

In the report we read in part: "The Canadian concert stage is very largely dominated by concert agencies from the United States, although certain musical societies, notably in Montreal, Toronto, and Winnipeg, have consistently included Canadian artists in their concert series."

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Notes By The Way

"One of the greatest barriers to Anglo-American understanding is our common language," wrote Walter S. Buckingham, Jr., in the Georgia Review last fall.

Scientists and philosophers may be literally correct when they agree that nobody is normal in thought and behavior, that everybody deviates, some very slightly, others perceptibly, from the normal—were it possible to fix and define such a standard.

There has been more tumult and argument about the plan to flour-date Windsor's water supply than any other issue which recently has arisen. It has engendered unusual heat and comment.

Old Charlottetown. From the Royal Gazette, Oct. 18, 1836: The sale of the Glebe and School Lands in King's County took place at Georgetown on Wednesday.

On Thursday last, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received a deputation, consisting of Mr. Joseph Coffin, Esq., J.P., Mr. James Aitken, Mr. Angus Macdonald, Mr. Vere Beck and several others, with a petition from King's County, with upwards of 1,300 signatures, setting forth a variety of grievances under which the inhabitants have long laboured.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer CONFERENCES

So many Big Power Conferences have been held since the Second World War, without any tangible results, that it is safe to presume that most people have long since given up hoping for very much from them.

It is of course true that only the diplomats themselves are in a position to know exactly what went on and what conclusions were reached; press reports, however objective they may be and however reliable the reporters, can never provide exact interpretation of the give and take of conferences especially when, as in this case, three languages are involved.

The unification of Germany remains among the irreconcilable subjects of world politics. That nobody is doubtful that the Western bloc really expected Mr. Molotov to agree to Western style elections, although they hoped he would, it is not by any means certain that the Eastern Zone Germans would take very kindly to any such device.

It is just as doubtful, or even more so, that Mr. Molotov had any hope that the West would treat his alternative proposal with any seriousness. After spending huge sums of money in building up some sort of defensive alliance, they are not likely to scrap it and thus hand over all Western Europe to Communist forces.

This is really one of the major problems it may be time to try to be the biggest one that Western diplomats are called upon

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