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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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Strong Plea For The Maritimes

The Maritime Provinces generally will appreciate the editorial comment appearing Monday in the Toronto Globe and Mail, advocating development of the Passamaquoddy power project for the benefit of this section of Canada.

No one knows what the cost of this project would be, but the Globe and Mail argues that in any case the money would be well spent if it helped to provide a new source of low-cost power.

"Facing the same plight, New England's political leaders are asking Congress to obtain a financial report on Passamaquoddy from the International Joint Commission; and contribute \$3 million toward the cost of producing it.

This development, concludes our Ottawa contemporary, should be watched with interest and sympathy by the people of Ontario. "Cheap power has helped to give them their present high standard of living.

These are encouraging words. If the same attitude is taken by members of Parliament from the Central Provinces there should be a real chance of obtaining Federal action.

Perspective On Foreign Policy

Without the full participation of France and Western Germany, hope for a unified European army to defend the Continent against the menace of Moscow's imperialism stands little chance of realization.

In Paris, Premier Mayer has shelved the European Army treaty for "renegotiation" and a prior settlement of the long-standing Saar dispute with Western Germany.

Neither Monsieur Mayer nor Herr Adenauer are anxious to delay the taking of the steps necessary to secure the defences of Western Europe against Russia.

nothing to dispel the dismal fact that nationalism is still a factor to be reckoned with in Europe. So long as such nationalism persists, it would seem prudent to give priority to a closer Anglo-American-Canadian alliance and to build our security on that cornerstone rather than upon the thus far unfulfilled aspirations of European unity.

Hydroelectric For The Gold Coast

"Juju" is an ancient word for sorcery among Ashanti tribesmen of Africa's Gold Coast. But when a 2000-square-mile lake begins to appear in Ashanti country a few years from now, the tallest tales of juju will go into eclipse.

The project has been approved by the British government. Costing over \$400,000,000 and requiring 20 years to complete, the Volta project will spawn roaring mills, new railroads and a new port at Tema on the Gulf of Guinea.

Nearly the size of Oregon, the Gold Coast actually extends 440 miles inland. It includes not only the original colony along the shore, but also the back-country Ashanti province, the grassy Northern Territories, and a part of Togoland administered by the British under United Nations trusteeship.

African ministers and an African legislature today exercises virtual self-rule in the Gold Coast. A new nation is being slowly built there, aimed at becoming the first Negro dominion in the British Commonwealth.

Gold gave the tropical territory its present name, but gold was long ago surpassed as the principal source of wealth from the colony's rich earth. Today, while the Gold Coast stands sixth in world gold production, it ranks first among sources of the cacao bean, from which cocoa and chocolate are made.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The final decision for a permanent site for Unesco has been made. It will be at Fontenay-sous-Bois, now a suburb of Paris. The French government has advanced the equivalent of six million dollars for 30 years without interest to pay for the construction of the building.

The report of the grand jury customarily comments favourably or otherwise on the accommodation and condition of our institutions. This is the first time that it has been able to express the satisfaction of seeing the new wing for occupational therapy at Falconwood.

Life is uncertain at best but behind the Iron Curtain it must be positively precarious. Nine Soviet doctors have "confessed" to permitting two Russian leaders to die through faulty treatment seven and four years ago.

Premier Duplessis' proposed royal commission on the financial and constitutional relations between the federal, provincial and municipal governments is aimed at clarifying one of the most pressing problems facing Canadians today.

Henry Dupre Labouchere, English journalist and politician, died this date 1912. Educated at Eton, he entered the diplomatic service and then entered Parliament as a Liberal, becoming one of Gladstone's most faithful supporters.

Wide Domain



The Poet's Corner

MAN'S ESTATE Man hath still either joys, or cares; He hath no root, nor to one place is tied. But ever restless and irregular About this earth doth run and ride; He knows he hath a home, but scarce knows where; He says it is so far, That he hath quite forgot how to go there. He knocks at all doors, strays and roams; Nay, hath not so much wit as some stones have, Which in the darkest nights point to their homes By some hid sense their Maker gave; Man is the shuttle, to whose winding quest And passage through these looms God ordered motion, but ordained no rest. —Henry Vaughan (1612-95).

Old Charlottetown

Text of address presented by the Legislature to Lieutenant Governor Young, March 12, 1832: "We the representatives of His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the inhabitants of Prince Edward Island, in General Assembly convened, respectfully beg leave to call Your Excellency's attention to the situation of the numerous population on the southern side of the Hillsborough, who, in their industry and industry, are obliged to cross the Ferry opposite Charlottetown. The inconvenience of having a Ferry to cross, and the difficulty afterwards of conveying agricultural produce to market from the King's Wharf, are sources of great annoyance to those so situated. And being obliged to pay an extra charge for ferriage, to enable the ferryman to pay a heavy rent, is felt as a grievous tax; whilst at almost every other general thoroughfare, every facility is afforded by means of bridges, on which no toll has as yet been levied.

"The House therefore respectfully suggest to Your Excellency the propriety of letting the said Ferry for a term of years free of rent; and in justice to the public, that it should be let by tenders to the most competent person, who would undertake the conveyance of passengers, as well as cattle and other commodities, at the lowest rate.

"The House would also suggest that provision be made to permit each person ferried over to take goods or commodities of any description not exceeding in weight fifty-six pounds, without any additional charge, and that a fixed rate for the ferriage of articles of greater weight be inserted in the tenders."

The Age-Old Story

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! Who hast set thy glory above the heavens. . . What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? . . . Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet.

BUSY STOCKYARD Lethbridge, Alberta.—(CP)—Live-stock with a market value of more than \$12,500,000 was handled during 1952 at the stockyards operated here by Alberta Stock Yards Company.

Notes By The Way

The youngest child in the large family is the lucky one. He has all those discarded books on child raising in which to draw pictures. —Edmonton Journal.

There is something foreign and synthetic about the squareheaded without the old-time fiddler keeping time with his foot. These musician union fees take all the fun out of it. —Farmers' Advocate.

One of our disconsolate city planners, fretting over repeated delays in civic-improvement programs, capsuled his lament into a little lesson in Latin the other day. We commend it to his fellow citizens. What the city needs, said he, is "less complacent admiration of status quo, and more serious consideration of tempus fugit." —Buffalo Evening News.

We sometimes become a little tired of the tendency to blame all aircraft crashes either on sabotage or on pilot error; both explanations are too convenient — the saboteur is pleasantly anonymous and the pilot is dead and can't answer. It would be refreshing to see the blame placed where it probably belongs in most cases, on a specific individual on the ground. —Hamilton Spectator.

There are signs of a change in the attitude of motorists toward alcohol. Recognizing the folly of trying to combine drinking and driving, many motorists make arrangements for safe passage home from office parties, either by taxi or with non-driving companions. Of the holiday drinkers who do drive many no longer subscribe to the idea of having "one for the road." Since drunken driving has become, as it were, socially unacceptable, pressure on guests to accept more hospitality than is conducive to safe motoring has noticeably decreased. So has the number of office parties. —Ottawa Citizen.

"Labor leftists in the British Commons are critical of the Government's decision to drop egg rationing. Unconvinced by the explanation that the black market made rationing futile, one critic suggested there ought to be more enforcement officers. Gwyllim Lloyd George remarked: 'If Labor Opposition had its way there would be more enforcement officers than hens.' —Toronto Telegram.

There is one group of men, in government service, for whom we have a considerable degree of admiration and respect. This is the group of men who keep the highways of Ontario open all winter, the plowmen. The plowman's lot is often a hard one, he often works round the clock under the most adverse driving conditions. He can't "pull up," if going gets really tough. The plowmen deserve the consideration and co-operation of Ontario motorists on the highways at all times. —Brookville Recorder and Times.

Recent Pacific Ocean experiences of the freighter Maple Cove and the tug Island Sovereign once more point up the need for a Canadian coastguard service. True,

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL Students wishing to attend the Six Weeks' Home-making Course will enroll on MONDAY, JANUARY 19th, AT 2 P. M. There are a few vacancies in the elementary and advanced evening cooking classes. For further information contact the HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT Phone 402—Immediately.

The Passing Scene

There is a saying that when you begin to enjoy reminiscing about the past you are getting old. Whether this be so or not I'm sure I can't say and in any case it is of no consequence. But I do know that one of the most delightful afternoons I can remember was spent recently in chatting with one who attended the same boarding school as I did some thirty-five years ago. Like Lontes and Polixenes in "The Winter's Tale" we talked and talked of the days when we were "two lads that thought there were no more behind but such a day tomorrow," as today and to be boy eternal.

My friend has been back to the town where the school is situated many times since I saw it last and consequently is better posted on many important matters. The old headmaster, for instance, since he was a middle-aged man thirty-five years ago, assumed that he had been inherited to his fathers for some time. My assumption was wrong. He is still hale and hearty, my old class mate informed me, and lives on a little farm not too far from the school. And he still reads his Latin text every day. "Musta get rusty, you know," was the wry but very good way, too, God health on a farm with Latin every day! This I take to be as nearly ideal as any man in his eighties has a right to expect.

I can see the headmaster now as he used to sit in the classroom with the dignity of an emperor, every inch a scholar and every half-inch a disciplinarian. The one thing that used to bother him, as I remember, was the apparent inability of boys from ten to sixteen to appreciate or understand the beauties and cadences of the Latin sentences. I recall, too, that we were inclined to complain about what we considered to be his most unreasonable attitude on his part. Behind his back, I hasten to add.

Then there was the master whose pet subject was Geometry than which there is nothing more foolish to a boy in his early teens. In fact I believe there are some in their late teens who do not relish it over much. But to the master I have in mind it was meat and drink. Old Euclid himself couldn't have been any better at it. There was not a great deal of teaching involved in his style but there was a tremendous lot of histrionic art. As he handled the geometrician's tools and logically traced the proposition from its beginning to its Q. E. D. (quite enough done, we used to call it much to the master's disgust) we felt that we were in the presence of genius pure and undefiled. As indeed we were. There was little or nothing by way of expiation. We caught it on the great flood of the master's enthusiasm or we missed it, usually the latter.

The most unnecessary member of the faculty, from the boy's point of view, was the night master. His sole duty, or so it seemed to us, was to make the rounds of the dormitories immediately after the silence signal had been given at 10 o'clock and to impose proper penalties for breaches of the rigid rule.

One whisper, however faint, meant a fine of one cent or more — depending on the master's disposition at the time — to be charged against the regular weekly allowance of ten cents. When there was no more cash to be requisitioned the penalty of "lines" was invoked. For this, the school's imposing motto, "Non moritur sunt 147,000."

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