

Charlottetown Airport

An admirable brief has been presented to the Hon. George Marler, Minister of Transport, by the Charlottetown Board of Trade dealing with the need for extension of a runway at the Charlottetown airport.

The airfield would be highly valuable as a secondary landing field for long distance traffic, particularly, as pointed out by airline operators, because of the admirable hotel facilities here.

A number of other points are brought out and the constitutional aspect touched upon. It might be worth pointing out that the B. N. A. Act provided for the most modern and efficient communication between the Island and the rest of Canada known to its draftsmen.

Such an instrument must be interpreted, not in a narrow and technical way, but in such a broad and generous a manner as to give effect to the intention of the parties as applied to a great growing nation.

Amherst Meeting

The series of agricultural meetings in Amherst which began Thursday and will be continued until next Thursday deal with a great many aspects of the industry, chiefly from an economic viewpoint.

The directors of the Dairy Farmers of Canada meet on Monday and they have already taken steps to see that their problems and viewpoint are placed before the public.

The same day a special conference will be held sponsored by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and devoted to the particular problems of the poultry industry.

Meetings on Tuesday will be open and much of interest to farmers will be presented by outstanding speakers.

Municipal Fluoridation

The first fluoridation program of municipal water supply in the Maritime Provinces is to be undertaken at Woodstock, N. B. Decision to proceed with such a step was adopted by the Town Council a few days ago.

The question of the beneficial effects claimed for water fluoridation in preventing tooth decay, especially among children, says the Moncton Times, had been one of widespread controversy up until quite recently.

Now, its advent in the Maritimes is likely to see other communities in these seaboard provinces adopting the increasingly favored process.

Interest throughout the easternmost part of Canada. In fact the authorities in Moncton City have had fluoridation under study for some time past, but have not yet come to any decision on its adoption.

But the controversial aspect of fluoridation, nationwide reports of late reveal, has receded greatly since the 1954 annual meeting of Canadian Medical Association gave its unqualified approval of the principle.

Historic Vessel

Few official actions will be less subject to criticism than the decision to preserve the famous R.C.M.P. schooner St. Roch at Vancouver as a memorial, rather than breaking her up.

The 104-foot St. Roch was the first ship in history to sail through the Northwest Passage across the top of Canada from east to west, and the first to negotiate the passage both ways.

"Canadians," says the Edmonton Journal, "have been rather notorious in the past for carelessly abandoning or destroying historic things—whether buildings or ships—once they have outlived their immediate usefulness."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 6th Sunday after Trinity, 7th after Pentecost, St. James.

The world we live in would seem to an older generation at least as fantastic as cartoonists' imaginations. The charge that Communists have kidnapped the West Berlin's intelligence chief and spirited him across the frontier would have been considered too improbable for an old fashioned dime novel.

It is highly creditable to the humanitarian attitude of the United States that American owned hospital, health clinic and water supply equipment will be left in the Communist areas of Indo-China.

Gibraltar was captured by a British force under Vice-Admiral Sir George Rooke and Sir Cloudesley Shovel this date 1704. It was subsequently often besieged by the Spaniards but was formally ceded to Great Britain in 1713 and confirmed in 1783.

The international nature of scientific enquiry has proved of great value in many fields. Because of cost and complexity it has even greater importance in atomic research.

The Grand Old Man

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A question of privilege was raised in the British House of Commons recently by a Conservative member who quoted Mr. Emanuel Shinwell of the Labour Party as having said at a party gathering that an election would be an opportunity to "get rid of the crazy Tories—the wretches, the rascals, the rascallions."



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The Poet's Corner

WILD PLUM They are unlovely who are born To love wild plum at night, Who once have passed it on a road Glimmering and white.

—Orrick Johns

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I.

THE QUEBEC CONFERENCE "We understand that at a meeting of the Executive Council, held on Tuesday last, the delegates for this Island at the Intercolonial Conference in the Lower Provinces were reappointed to attend the Convention in Quebec on the 10th inst."

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Salvaging The Colosseum

Visitors to Rome this summer will find a rescue operation under way to save one of the world's most famous ruins, the Colosseum. New cracks high in the crumbling walls have led authorities to set up extensive scaffolding from which to study the damage and plan restoration work.

At times the arena was flooded for water sports and sham naval battles often fatal to participants. At least one emperor, Commodus, who reigned between 180 and 192 A.D., took an active part in performances. Dressed in lion's skin, with gold dust sprinkled on his hair, he himself killed both animals and gladiators.

VALUABLE CATCH In terms of value, lobsters are the biggest catch on the Atlantic coast and salmon on the Pacific.

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The Passing Scene

For some time now there has been a good deal of criticism in certain sections of the American press concerning what some writers call the "soft" attitude of the British Government towards Communist China. This has been going on for some years; it started when the British gave diplomatic recognition to the Peiping regime.

The Age Old Story

And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

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