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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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Distinguished Visitors

Prince Edward Island is being honoured by the visit of a distinguished group of parliamentarians, members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association who are holding their 1952 conference in Ottawa this month, and who are due to arrive here this evening.

Only twice since the Association was founded in 1910 has it met in Canada, once in 1928 and again during the war, in 1943.

The tours throughout the Provinces fulfil a major objective of the Association, which is to acquire first hand knowledge of all the Commonwealth nations, their problems and legislative procedure.

Digging For Knowledge

The difference between a treasure hunter and an archaeologist is simply that the one is seeking something of artistic or commercial value and the other is seeking knowledge.

The work of such enthusiasts as Dr. Cedric Boulter and numberless others enables us to realize the continuity of history.

Many lessons are to be learned from a study of history and the peculiar use of archaeology is to fill in the background and confirm the accuracy of other sources.

World's Cleanest Cereals

The interesting story of why Canada's grain and flour are the cleanest as well as the finest on the world market is told in the current issue of Oval, the publication of Canadian Industries Limited.

Early in World War Two German submarines posed such a threat to Britain's food supply that many ships which normally would have been used to transport grain were pressed into service in order to build a large grain stockpile in Britain.

Soon it was found that many of the additional hulls used were pest ridden. And warehouses in Britain hastily commandeered for storage were in the same state.

Immediate action by Canadian grain experts brought about the Ship Inspection Division of Plant Protection, Science Service, Canada Department of Agriculture.

status as producer and distributor of the finest and cleanest grains and flour. The service has attracted the attention of other cereal producing countries, with the result that inquiries as to procedure and methods of inspection and prevention are continually being received by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

Stalin's Heir

There is every indication that Stalin plans to name as his heir, 50-year-old Georgi Maximilianovich Malenkov, whose girth and moon face have led many foreigners to dub him "the Fat Boy".

EDITORIAL NOTES

Britain and France declared war on Germany this date 1939, two days after Germany's attack on Poland.

The Canadian Legion is preparing to face up to the problem of absorbing the veterans of yet another campaign.

Political coroners are still holding post mortems on the British Columbia provincial election. They find, among other curious things, that alternative voting in this case upset the final outcome in seven seats from what it would have been under the simple "X" system.

Pure food inspectors of Washington have uncovered a racket whereby the carcasses of drawn turkeys are filled with water, then frozen and later sold.

Interest on loans under the National Housing Act has gone up another 1/4 per cent after the recent rise of 1/2 per cent.

The first number of a new Maritime newspaper, "The Labour Leader", has come to hand. The aims of this new enterprise, whose managing editor is Mr. D. Hugh Gillis, an associate professor at St. Francis Xavier University, is to provide a paper devoted to the interests of the workers in the Cape Breton area and the Maritimes.

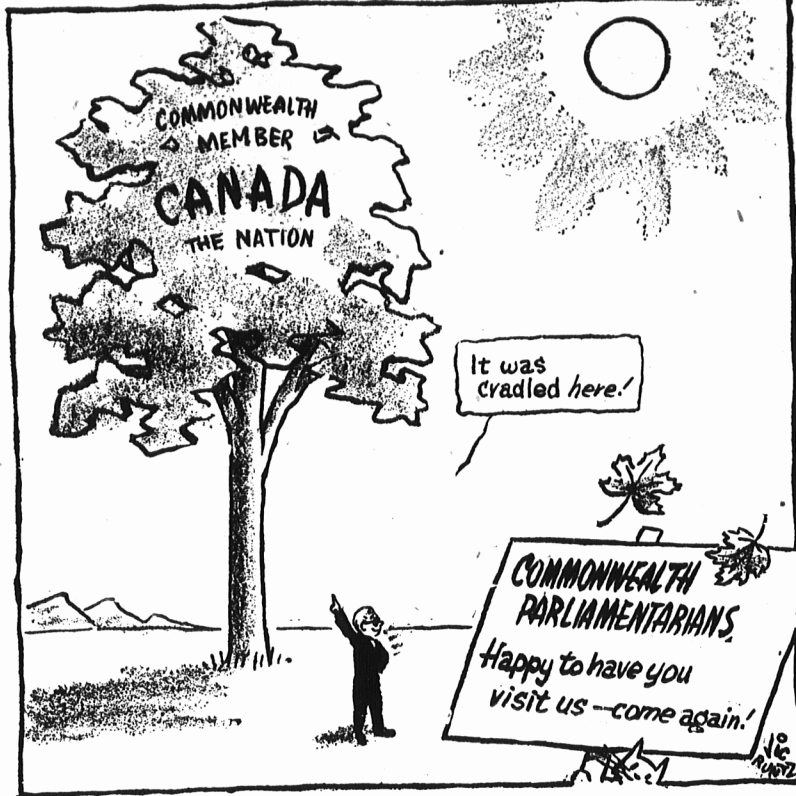
Once more the Federal surplus is running far ahead of Finance Minister Abbott's estimates. This time, however, the reason is a lag in defence spending and can probably be accounted for by the effect of the American steel strike, happily settled on July 25.

"Some people speak contemptuously of political compromise," noted Prime Minister Torp of Norway recently, "but as I see it, a decision that crystallizes different views is not necessarily a bad thing.

Ireland has been increasing meat shipments by improving methods of handling. Previously the meat was chilled and then shipped just as you see it going into the butchers' shops.

The original manuscript of Samuel Pepys' diary, written in shorthand, is in six volumes, containing 3,000 pages.

Welcome To Prince Edward Island



The Poet's Corner

THE TEACHER

Behind her ink-stained desk, as on a bridge Above a deck of upturned eyes. She sits the captain of a noisy crew That little cares where Knowledge lies.

Adroit, discreet, her sternness but a mask To leave her mistress of tumultuous youth. She trims the sails of discipline and steers The devious course that leads to Truth.

Staid watcher of soft growth still April-small. She, from the calm that autumn brings. Sees life reborn in yearly bursts of bloom. And old despairs made glad with spring.

And sensing from the bud the open flower, She guards those petals half-unfurled. And in a casual hand made white with chalk. She holds and molds the coming world.

— Arthur Stringer.

Next The Midget Cow

(The Baltimore Sun) There is a growing demand in this country for useful objects in small sizes. We have dwarf fruit trees and midget automobiles.

It ought not therefore be surprising to learn that we now have a miniature cow which is said to be ideally suited to a domestic establishment in the suburbs.

The breed of cow in question is not new. It is described as a native of the mountains of Ireland. It is named the Dexter, and it is being tried out on farms in Westchester county, New York and in Connecticut.

The Dexter family is a pretty little animal not much larger than a Shetland pony. It comes in black or red. It stands 38 inches high to the shoulder and weighs around 500 pounds.

One great advantage of a midget automobile is the number of miles it can go on a gallon of gas. So, too, the Dexter admits of appreciable saving of "fuel".

What is more, the Dexter does not have to be fed on alfalfa and clover. It is said to have a taste for weeds, including wild grasses, thistles, nettles and even poison ivy.

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Notes By The Way

"Blind as a bat," is a false simile; the bat isn't blind. But the Peterborough Examiner says the one about "dead as a doornail" is still good. So's "mad as a wet hen." If you don't think a wet hen gets mad, just wet one and see! — Ottawa Journal.

Since our oil, iron and uranium developments Uncle Sam is looking at Canada much the same way the boss in the movies views the sedate secretary when she suddenly takes off her spectacles and has a new hairdo. — London Free Press.

In fairness to Hollywood it should be said that there are more than a few happy and lasting marriages among the film folk out there. Cecil B. de Mille and his wife, Constance have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, thereby offering another pleasant example that the film capital is not populated exclusively by divorcees and the adde-pated. — Hamilton Spectator.

Another Lord Selkirk And A Different Mission

(Hamilton Spectator) Thomas Douglas, the fifth Earl of Selkirk, could never have foreseen this possibility. One hundred and fifty years after he offered the dispossessed crofters of the Scottish Highlands a new life in his Red River and Prince Edward Island settlements, another Scottish nobleman is touring the New World offering those with pioneer spirit opportunities in the Old.

Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton, who represents a Scottish constituency in Parliament, has come to Canada and the United States in search of men possessed of the adventuresome spirit which made this continent great. Such men are wanted in the Highlands, and the picture he paints of opportunities there is as glowing as the description of the Hudson's Bay Company territory about the Red River given the starving crofters by the nineteenth century philanthropist.

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In the "40 years ago," column of the Standard on Saturday, it was mentioned that peaches were selling on the market at 60 cents per basket. The market quotation for peaches on the same Saturday was 80 cents per basket, from which there will be variance, no doubt. The coincidence of 60-cent peaches in view of the present-day inflation, 40 years ago and now, is impressive. The fact is, there is a wonderful crop of the golden fruit in the Niagara Peninsula this year, embarrassingly so. — St. Catharines Standard.

One visitor to Fort William from the United States went home mad. After hearing his story, we don't blame him much. He went to a city store intent on making a few purchases. Finding an article he liked, he asked the salesgirl a few questions about it, remarking that in his home town in the United States he hadn't seen anything quite like it. Then he asked the price. Turning to a senior employe, the salesgirl said: "What's the tourist price on this?" — Fort William Times-Journal.

It needs to be remembered that trade between Britain and West Europe on the one hand, and Russia and East Europe on the other, is much harder to limit than that between North America and the Soviet world. The two regions are naturally complementary; the eastern countries produce the grain, timber, fish and minerals that western Europe needs, and take its manufactured goods in return. The remarkable thing is not that this trade has survived and even grown a little, but that it has been kept down to such a low level. — Edmonton Journal.

Drought in France has helped to reveal the outline of the streets of an ancient city on a plateau near Dijon, an important centre of communications in Gallo-Roman times. From aerial photographs crops on the slopes of the plateau are in some places seen to be of a dark hue, in contrast to the burnt patches due to the drought. According to experts they conceal the foundation of walls, the masonry giving the crops above it enough moisture to resist the roult. — UNESCO Bulletin.

per cent in the last 20 years and the over-all decline is one of 20 per cent. The schools, the villages and the glens are emptying. New men and new capital, says Lord Malcolm, would make the Highlands prosperous and a powerful force in the economic recovery of all Britain. And if Douglas-Hamilton is half the salesman Selkirk was in those far-off and tragic days this could be the beginning of a great, new Scottish saga, entitled, perhaps, The Return of the Highlanders.

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Reciprocity Conference, 1868

Last week marked the eighty-fourth anniversary of an interesting attempt on the part of the Government of Prince Edward Island to negotiate, "on its own", a free trade agreement with the United States. The Imperial Government had the upper hand, and the negotiations came to nothing; but it is worth speculating on what might have been the consequence had they gone through, both upon our entry into Confederation a few years later, and our subsequent prosperity as a Province.

It was on a Saturday afternoon, August 28, 1868, that the U. S. steam cutter "Hugh McCulloch" arrived in Charlottetown, having on board a committee of the United States Congress to discuss with members of the Island Government the subject of reciprocal free trade. The visiting committee comprised General Benjamin F. Butler, chairman; Judge Luke P. Poland, Member of Congress for Vermont and former member of the U. S. Senate; and Hon. James J. Beck, Member of Congress for Kentucky, a distinguished lawyer and leader in the Democratic party.

They were accompanied by Hon. A. H. Laffin, Member of Congress for New York; Hon. E. H. Derby, an eminent lawyer and statistician, with Hon. E. A. Smith, of Gloucester, Mass.; William Pew, Esq., Collector of Customs for the same place; Col. E. J. Sherman, Major Buy Diaz de Kay, formerly on the staff of General Butler and lately arrived from Crete; Josiah MacLeod, formerly of this Island and at this time an officer in the U. S. civil service; and Master Paul, son of General Butler.

Rooms were provided for the distinguished party at the Rankin House, and, following the conference, on Thursday, Sept. 3, an official dinner was tendered them in the Assembly Room of the Colonial Building, at which Hon. Joseph Hensley, Attorney General, presided, with Hon. Edward Palmer, acting as vice chairman. Among the other guests present were Capt. Merriman and officers of the "McCulloch"; Messrs. John Nickerson, Alfred Nickerson, and Joseph Greely, of Boston; Capt. Nickerson of the "Alhambra"; Mr. Norton, correspondent of the New York World, then on a visit to the Island; Mr. Boak, of Halifax; Mr. Fraser, of Pictou; Mr. Feldman, of Montreal, and several other gentlemen. The rooms were tastefully decorated with flags, flowers, etc., "the folds of the Union Jack and the Star Spangled Banner of the United States being in close embrace."

At the conference discussions the Executive Council of the Island was represented by the Hon. Joseph Hensley, Robert P. Haythorne, W. W. Lord, George W. Howlan, H. J. Calbeck, Alexander Laird and A. A. MacDonald. The meetings, "which partook of a strictly unofficial character," opened in the Council Chamber.

A lengthy memorandum of the proposals to be discussed had been submitted by the United States delegates, and an official summary of the replies made by the Island representatives was also prepared. These documents appear in the Legislative Journal for the year 1868. The U. S. Congress was to provide, by law, for the free admission of all Island agricultural products, fishery, forest and mineral products, with certain exceptions which included mackerel, cod, herring, salmon and shellfish; the first two articles named to be subject to a duty of 50 cents per 100 lbs. and the remainder at 25 cents per 100 lbs., excepting oysters and lobsters "not in cans or pots." The exceptions extended also to horses and mules, "meat cattle, calves, sheep, goats and swine, which were dutiable, and to Island ale, leather goods, furniture and all manufactures of lumber on which a 5 per cent ad valorem duty was to be imposed. The Island Government was to provide for the free admission of all American products of agriculture, fisheries, mines and forests, excepting sugar, molasses, tobacco and petroleum. All U. S. manufactures were to be subject to a duty not exceeding 10 per cent. American fishermen were to enjoy the same rights of fishing in Island waters as those enjoyed by local vessels, subject to a nominal license fee.

The Island representatives demurred to the proposed tax on mackerel, codfish, etc., suggesting that at the utmost this tax should not exceed 5 percent. They suggested that in return for free access to the fishing ground (should the Imperial Government see fit to grant this concession), all fish caught by Island fishermen should enter the U. S. free of duty, as under a former reciprocity treaty. Horses, mules and other animals mentioned in the dutiable list should also be admitted free, but no objection was offered to the proposed duty of 5 percent on Island ale, etc., imported from this colony.

It was emphasized that "the discussion was a strictly informal one, carried on principally for the purpose of giving and obtaining information, and throughout it was clearly understood by all parties that no final definite arrangement could be attempted without the authority and concurrence of Her Majesty's Imperial Government."

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