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

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An Encouraging Report

The report by Dr. Owen H. Curtis, Deputy Minister of Health, submitted before the Medical Society this week, shows gradual but sure improvement in the over-all health status of the Province.

An Important Decision

If for no other reason, the worldwide character of the World Council of Churches — embracing as it does nearly every geographical area of the world, including some areas behind the Iron Curtain — is sufficient to give a sense of importance to news of its activities.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An Indian diplomat suggests that one way to settle the Formosa question would be for the Peiping regime to take it over and appoint Chiang Kai Shek governor, thus enabling the Nationalist leader to save face.

The British Treasury has issued some disturbing figures. Over the last seven years the increase in wage rates in Great Britain has been more than double the increase in industrial output.

Another famous American is to be honoured for his public service. Congress has authorized the construction of a 110-foot bell tower on the Capitol grounds in memory of the late Senator Robert A. Taft.

Whether or not the Republicans can persuade Mr. Eisenhower to "run again" remains to be seen. However, they have a supporter from an unexpected quarter.

The United States Government has decided to donate \$18 million worth of surplus food to Italy's child-feeding program. The shipment will include such items as butter, cheese, and dried milk.

port might be expected to have the final word in the matter—to authorize an important inter-Church conference in a country where the secular authority is anything but friendly to religious influences.

A Big Chance

What changes a few years can bring, to be sure. For some time prior to World War Two one of the main worries of the United States was the growing military might of Japan.

That is how the matter stands at the moment. Premier Hatoyama, in response to repeated American urgings, has proposed a plebiscite to be held in the year in order to find out once for all whether, in the Premier's words, "the Japanese people believe that rearming is necessary for Japanese freedom".

OTAWA REPORT

Not Stingy To Prime Minister

Ottawa. When Donald Gordon, president of the Canadian National Railway, was recently given a pay boost to \$75,000 a year, it was suggested in some quarters that he thereby became the highest paid official on the public payroll.

From An Unknown Prophet

Every week the London Publication, The Economist, publishes an excerpt from its files for the current week a century ago. One issue this month contained an excerpt from The Economist of August 4, 1855.

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From An Unknown Prophet

More than this, if the top ranks of the civil service are to be filled by those who had risen in the system, their intellectual and moral habits would be indelibly fixed by the professional influence before they arrived there.

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Medically Speaking

AIMING ALLERGY VICTIM IN THE RAGWEED SEASON

If you lived in an area that is relatively free of pollen, your hay fever or asthma might not be troubling you now. But even if you found such a place, it might have other inhalants which would irritate you.

Since most of you allergy victims can't spend the time or money to get away from the ragweed menace, and since you must also avoid so many other irritants, you might as well make the best of it right here at home.

As for a heating system, steam or hot water is preferable to an open heating device. If you have a hot air furnace, make sure it has a filter. Make sure, also, that furnace pipes and vents are cleaned frequently.

VACUUM FREQUENTLY

All cleaning and dusting operations should be performed while the patient is not present. Vacuum frequently and dust with damp or oiled cloths.

Substitute foam rubber or kapok pillows or mattresses for your feather-stuffed bedding, or at least cover your pillow with a sealed plastic cover and your mattress with rubber sheeting.

Don't keep any plants or flowers—living, cut or artificial—in the house. Don't use insecticides or substances with strong odors like wet paint, moth balls, camphor or perfume.

A Close Shave

Editors and readers of the Great Soviet Encyclopedia have been saved in the nick of time from another humiliating error. A notice from the State Publishing House advises subscribers to delete from Volume 5 pages 21 to 24, including a portrait between pages 22 and 23.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Another one of our inalienable rights is the freedom to sit quietly in the back yard and listen to other people banging their fenders in the pursuit of happiness.

Actually in our time the most deserted halls in the Parliament buildings are the halls and stalls of the Parliamentary Library. Laurier used to browse there, and no doubt McGee and Howe did, and Meighen and Ernest Lapointe explored its shelves daily.

While prospective male jurors may be excused only by application to the judge and with a good reason, all a lady has to do is sign a form and return it to the sheriff if she wishes exemption. She does not have to give a reason. In other words women have the privilege, but not the duty, to serve on juries.

Canadian industry is finding alcoholism a serious problem. With 16 of every 1,000 Ontario adults an alcoholic, a great proportion are in industrial employment. Their absenteeism is an average of 18 days per year compared with eight days for non-alcoholics.

The self-evident fact upon which Newfoundland has always based its claim to be the oldest British possession in North America rests upon its discovery by John Cabot in 1497.

The Age Old Story

You, in the way of the judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.



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