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

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"Selkirk" It Is

The "Lord Selkirk" sounds well, and it is certainly appropriate to have the new Wood Islands ferry called after the Scottish nobleman...

In the meantime, it should be noted that credit for inducing the authorities to fix on Lord Selkirk's name goes to Mr. George V. Fraser...

A Timely Resolution

A resolution passed by the Montague Town Council at its regular meeting on Monday evening last deserves special mention...

Until these gravel washing machines were set up on the banks of the Valleyfield, this was one of the best fishing streams in the eastern part of the Island...

The Big 3 Meeting

While the representatives of the Big Three of the Arab world—Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Syria—are inclined to be secretive about the decisions reached at their summit meeting...

time. Although they did not say so in as many words, the representatives left no doubt in anyone's mind that the Baghdad Pact is causing them a lot of uneasiness...

As for Jordan, the country of little wealth and a strong army, there is nothing to show that the summit meeting succeeded in isolating her entirely from Western friendship...

Something New

When the heart stops beating, life has fled. That, at least, is the accepted belief. However, it may be in for reappraisal if the recently announced theory of a scientist at the National Institute for Medical Research in London, Eng., is given general scientific sanction...

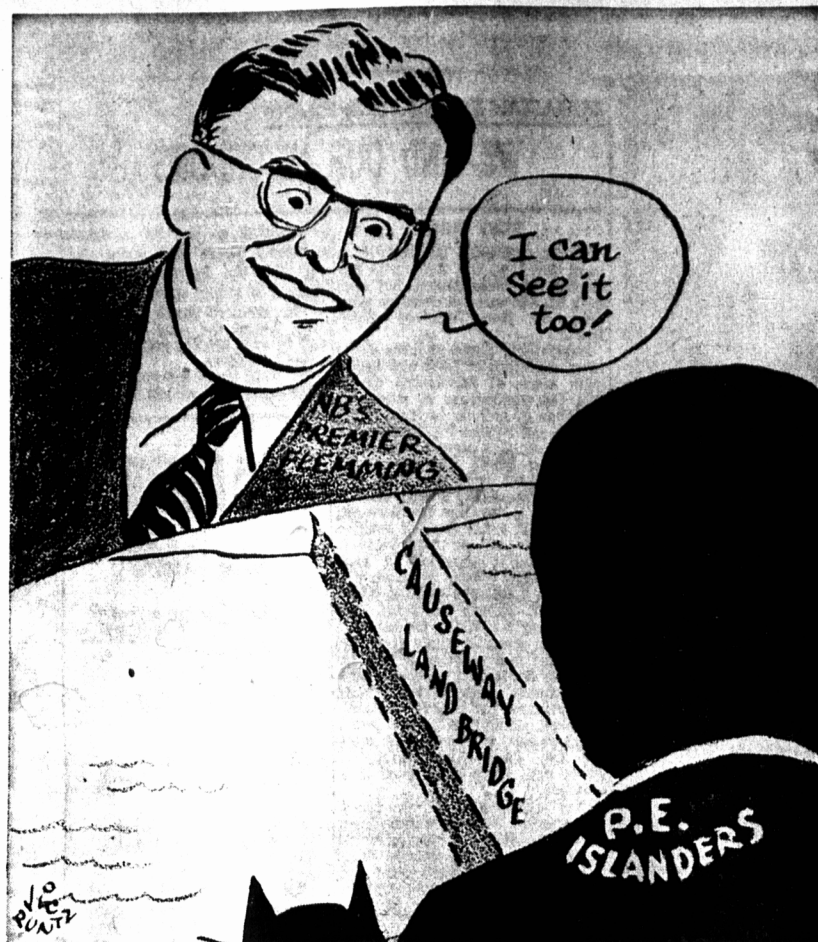
If this had been revealed only ten or fifteen years ago the whole thing would have been put down as a joke or, perhaps, the raving of a crackpot. But now, with new and startling discoveries coming to light almost daily, anything is believable...

EDITORIAL NOTES

An anti-moth discovery in Britain will be hailed with special joy by clothes cleaning firms. It is deadly to moths, killing them off at the grub stage. It will not, however, survive dry cleaning. The chemical has to be put on fresh after each cleaning.

There is always something new popping up in political wrinkles. The latest comes from a town meeting in a certain Maine community where citizens were to decide for or against a merger of two neighbouring high schools...

The clearing out of diseased trees is, of course, beneficial. But surely no one is naive enough to accept the proposition that most, or any appreciable amount, of the pulpwood cutting on the Island in recent years was in the "diseased tree" category...



SIMILAR VISION

Mile Zero On Alaskan Highway

By Stan McCabe Canadian Press, Dawson Creek, B. C.

Dawson Creek makes a lot out of nothing. A fancy sign in the middle of the town's main intersection is considered here to mark "Mile Zero" of the 1,523-mile Alaska highway.

Atop the sign is a board showing that Fort Nelson, B.C., is 300 miles away, Whitehorse, in the Yukon, 918 miles off and Fairbanks, Alaska, 1,523 miles "up the highway."

Just as Calgary distributes white cowboy hats to distinguished visitors, officials of this Peace River community of 6,500 hand out miniature of the "mile zero" post to prominent persons.

SOLD TO TOURISTS They are displayed in many offices in town and are sold to tourists headed over the motorist's version of the Northwest Passage.

The "Mile Zero" promotion doesn't stop with the sign post erected by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. There's a Mile Zero Hotel, a Mile Zero cafe, a Mile Zero service station and a local soft drink company bottles "Zero" in nine different flavors.

Another slogan goes far back into the town's history and says: "One hundred and sixty years ago, Alexander Mackenzie slept here. Nobody is asleep here now."

The place where Mackenzie slept has grown into a community nestled against the foothills of the Rocky mountains, 738 miles from Vancouver and 452 by highway from Edmonton.

Practically everyone in the Peace River country, roughly 80,000 square miles in northern British Columbia and Alberta, talks boom in the most flowery chamber of commerce terms. The population is numbered in thousands but many feel the country can support at least 1,000,000 persons.

Trucks haul more than 3,000,000 bushels of grain a year to the Northern Alberta Railway. Live-stock sales bring in more than \$1,200,000. Millions of feet of lumber are cut in the area each year.

Discovery of natural gas reserves on both sides of the provincial border has led to plans for the \$152,000,000 Westcoast Transmission Co. pipeline to the Pacific coast.

Clearing gangs have started slashing a route for the line through the bush of northeastern British Columbia. Construction of the line will mean the building of an \$8,000,000 gas scrubbing plant at Taylor Flats, 36 miles up the Alaska highway from here.

Tests are under way for a Pacific Petroleum Co. well near Fort St. John to pave the way for the plant's removal of by-products from the gas.

Two oil refineries are being built here and at Grande Prairie. Each will have a capacity of more than 2,000 barrels a day.

In one week recently drilling crews were looking for oil at 36 widely-separated points in the Peace River country. And builders expect that oil will be moving soon through an 8,000-ft pipe line that runs 110 miles from the Sturgeon Lake oil fields to the Trans Mountain pipe line which crosses the

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.

EDUCATION

Sir.—The Education Week Committee and its sponsoring groups wish to thank you, Sir, for your splendid editorial during Education Week.

We are grateful to you for the many other times you have made a contribution to education through the medium of your paper. Now that education is so much in the news it is gratifying to those of us who are so vitally interested, to have such sane comments made by the editor of The Guardian.

I am, Sir, etc.,

ESTELLE BOWNESS Secretary, Education Week Committee, P. E. I. Teacher's Federation

DAYLIGHT-STANDARD BLUES

Sir.—Each time we read the Island news we get the Daylight-Standard blues. We are amazed how men agree on matters to the umph degree. The Opposition did not pause in sponsoring the Causeway cause. Without a nervous blink or shake, the worthy powers undertake to launch a project that may sag with three odd million in the bag, but when it's time to shift the clock these boys are given quite a shock. They twist and turn, sputter and squall, and come up with the same old stall. They give us, in this Island climate, the pain of Daylight-Standard time.

The advocates of Daylight time can spill out words in the sublime to prove the Island, as a whole, is eager for the Daylight goal, while sponsors of the Standard rod point out their choice was born of God. Let us be fair in thought and speech: there's virtue on the side of each, but Daylight Saving-Standard style is nothing short of juvenile.

What is the law? How do you read who is the keeper of the clock and calls the tune that it must talk? Begone with all this bickering and such unwholesome sneaking! If Daylight Savine - let it be! If Standard time, let us agree; but please, O please swear with an oath that you will not shame us with both!

I am, Sir, etc.,

S. BARLOW BIRD Freetown, P. E. I.

CAUSEWAY LETTER

The Guardian has received a letter for publication under a nom de plume on the subject of the proposed Northumberland Strait causeway. The letter will be published at once when we receive the writer's name in confidence, as evidence of good faith.—Ed. G.



APPEARANCE OF PICKWICK, 1836

Astronomers know a nova when they sight it. Explosion of an inconspicuous star as if someone had held a wand to light it. Its whole heart flares up, profligate and far.

Dickens, on taking Pickwick from his pocket. Burst into such a blaze of rhetoric. The critic said, "He goes up like a rocket. And soon you'll see him come down like the stick."

Astronomers know better than to limit. So strange a star by formula and rule. While it withstands all darkness that would dim it. And pales the lantern-light of ridicule.

Ah, critic, as you search along the ground, Take note if that charred stick has yet been found.

Betty Bridgman in the Christian Science Monitor.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

CO-OPERATION WILL HELP BEAT RHEUMATIC FEVER

Rheumatic fever causes a severe long-term crippling illness among children between the ages of 5 and 15 than any other ailment. This dread disease is second only to cancer as the cause of death in this same age group.

Yet, even though we don't know the cause of this disease, we now have weapons to forestall initial rheumatic fever attacks and the recurrences which increase the threat of damage to young hearts.

Knowledge is our most important weapon. Rheumatic fever can be checked, but we've got to have your help. With the cooperation of you parents, teachers, nurses and social workers, we can make rheumatic fever a rarity.

DANGER SIGNALS

But, to help, you've got to know what rheumatic fever is, how to recognize the danger signals, how the disease can be treated and how to care for a victim. The more you know, the more protection you can offer your child.

Often termed the greatest health hurdle of childhood, rheumatic fever generally begins between the ages of 5 and 15. Even if a child has had a previous attack, his chances of suffering recurring attacks essentially seem to have increased. After the age of 15 or 16, he may be relatively safe.

RARE CASES

Adults also may be stricken, although less frequently than children. Some 40,000 members of the armed forces became rheumatic fever victims during World War II. It was the first attack for many of them, as far as could be determined.

This chronic crippler may affect any part of the body, particularly the heart, blood vessels, joints, skin or brain. Heart damage may be serious or even fatal, while effects on other parts of the body usually are temporary.

PERMANENT INJURY

Now if rheumatic fever leaves the heart permanently injured, the injury usually is caused by inflammation of either or both of the valves on the left side of the heart. Weakening of the inflammation causes the affected valve to heal, leaving a scar. The roughening or deforming caused by this scar may prevent the valve from opening or closing properly, thus interfering with the normal flow of blood. This leaves the victim with rheumatic heart disease.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

L. M.: Is there such a disorder as "hyper-insulinism"? I have been treated for this as an after effect of undulant fever.

Answer: There is such a disorder. In this condition, there is excessive secretion of insulin by the gland known as the pancreas. This excessive secretion causes a lowering of the amount of sugar in the blood. It may cause fainting attacks or excessive hunger.

Notes By The Way

The tragedy of our times—and let us make no mistake, these are tragic days—lies in the mistaken philosophy that happiness lies in a multitude of possessions that save labor and provide effortless amusement. As a result, labor has lost its dignity and possessions any real value.

A man called on a large department store one morning and was interested to see that all the clerks were in fine humor. "I notice that your clerks are all feeling terrific today," he said to the owner. "Have you been raising their wages or something?"

It may be noted in passing that union leaders who think that Canadian workers have a natural claim to the United States scale of wages always seem to have in mind the highest wage scale paid anywhere in the United States. It is probable that, if wages and all living conditions in a Canadian industrial town were compared with those of a similar town across the line, the balance in terms of good living, would be on the Canadian side.

It is not out of mere caprice that the courts of this country insist upon a fitting dignity within their walls. We have, most of us, seen the revolting pictures taken in a southern court room during a recent notorious case, with court officers and spectators alike sitting about in shirtsleeves and smoking. An atmosphere like this is bound to reflect itself in the kind of "justice" meted out. We want none of it here.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

Sir Anthony Eden is the cool, correct old school tie, aristocratic Englishman, who hides his feelings. It has always been a major cause of misunderstanding by those who do not know the British that they confuse inarticulate, understatement and a lack of surface warmth for an absence of emotion. On the contrary, there are few more emotional people in the world than the British and it is in the pinch when we would know it.—New York Times.

The Ontario Education Association is said to be concerned enough with the matter of spelling as to be reviving the spelling bee on a province wide scale. Commendable as this is, it will have little effect of bringing good spellers to gether and of bringing honor to some schools. But what about the rank and file of students who are only mediocre in their ability to form words? It may be that spelling matches are still held. But what bothers many in this? If adequate attention is being given to spelling why isn't the result more encouraging?—Sarnia Observer.

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