

Mr. Harris' Visit

The visit of the Hon. Walter E. Harris, Minister of Finance, is of course a political nature, but it is to be hoped that this will not deter our citizens of other than Liberal views from attending his meeting to-night in large numbers.

We welcome Mr. Harris also on his own account. Those who heard him here in January, 1956, will recall that he speaks in plain, unvarnished terms, and quite frankly on subject matters relating to his own department.

The present agreement has been a bitter disappointment to our taxpayers and to our Provincial Government as well, and has already resulted in the imposition of an additional 3 cent gasoline tax and an anticipated deficit of over two million dollars for the current year.

In a speech this week at Owen Sound the Prime Minister, speaking on the tax agreements, explained that Ottawa had great responsibilities to all the Provinces and that there could be no unity unless all Canadians, wherever they lived, felt they were getting fair treatment.

Mr. Harris, in his budget speech on March 14, made the same point, stressing the fact that the wealthier Provinces—namely Ontario—derive their incomes in considerable part, directly or indirectly, from consumers and producers in other parts of Canada.

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He is a man of honour and we do not think that he will either beg the question or make misleading statements. By begging the question we mean arguing—as some candidates in the campaign have been doing—that we are really getting more than we are entitled to on the basis of our per capita contribution to the federal treasury.

We have before us the pledge of the Conservative leader, Mr. Diefenbaker, that his party, if elected, will call an immediate conference to re-allocate tax revenue fields. We commented approvingly on this statement at the time, and urged the Liberal candidates to take due cognizance of it.

The Nuclear Tests

Harold Steele, a 63-year-old British pacifist, has left for the Christmas Island area where—though he missed the first nuclear explosion—he plans to expose himself to the hazards of other nuclear tests scheduled for next month.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

With the forest-fire season only just begun, the New England States have suffered losses in forests and woodlands in the amount of more than \$10 million.

The Prime Minister has intimated that the "Britannia", bearing Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, may be among the first ships to sail up the St. Lawrence Seaway when it is opened a couple of years from now.



WITH US THIS WEEKEND

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.

CLEAN UP WEEK

Sir As you are aware, by proclamation of His Worship, Mayor Stewart, the present week has been designated CLEAN UP WEEK. In consequence citizens and visitors are asked to do all they can to keep our streets and premises clean and neat.

"Dear Sir: Today an automobile registered in your name was parked on Grafton St. in the business district. Occupying it were three men and two children. One of the party had supplied all with a quantity of fruit. This was eaten in the car and in the process banana and orange peel, as well as overripe portions of the former were thrown onto the adjacent sidewalk and street, which otherwise was in clean condition.

THE TEACHING PROFESSION

Sir—During the past year, in fact during the past decade, a great deal has been said and written on widening horizons, lengthening programmes, new social adjustments, etc. of education—in other words, on the sum total objectives of this important subject.

But after we have said all we can say in favor of temporary teachers, we still agree heartily with those who proclaim the life-long teacher to be the ideal one. But since the people of Prince Edward Island can hope to secure only a small fraction of the number of teachers required from the rank of teachers dedicated for life to their profession, then let them, high school, college, university, and last but not least, Ellen of the Farm Diary—at last appearance, very much alive.

From those reflections you see how shallow the life really is. You see those who haven't the time to be sick, those from the business world whose business cannot spare them, men of money gained honestly or otherwise, now all locked in a last struggle with this last and most terrible enemy, death.

seem to be quite ready to eliminate entirely the temporary teacher, even if this resulted in the closing of the majority of the rural schools of our province.

This proposal, of course, sounds splendidly heroic, but the question arises as to just why in common justice we should sacrifice the welfare of the present generation in the interests of a future one. The reckless advice to do so reminds us of one of those famous Irish bulls with which Sir Boyle Roche rocked the old Irish Parliament house somewhat over a century and a half ago.

"Perhaps after all I said about our duty to posterity, the best we can do for it is to see well to the education of the present generation, for if we must employ temporary teachers to do this, and as a matter of fact, the whole history of education in Prince Edward Island is resplendent with proof that temporary teachers can be good ones."

Looking down the trail we could see ourselves as a man or a mouse among men. When we come to grips with death itself, it will be too late. Life is short and shallow, eternity is long and the end of the trail seems to be coming faster and faster in this age. So the time for reflection is now, not when we stand at the door of eternity.

I am Sir, etc. W. A. O'BRIEN, Charlottetown, May 13th, 1957.

WELFARE NEEDS

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Many people below those ages with heart trouble, arthritis, high blood pressure, cancer, etc. need assistance, medical help and drugs to relieve. Drugs, it seems, go up in prices all the time in utter disregard to human need.

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and women working side by side in positions small and large would rather abuse and scourge one another then help each other. In a word there are too many snakes in the human hay field watching their fellow men for a chance to stick out their stings, to strike a death blow. If we would only stop for those reflections while there is still time and see where the road of life leads into the open square, the judgment field at the end of the trail, where money and style are no credentials, where ignorance won't count and being a big shot won't buy our way to the front, but the poverty stricken slaves who were be-littled, to often and laughed at will get the green light to go on.

Too often and too much we read of those who did such wonders here, they made a fortune in less than a short life time; some spend a fortune and still had another. From reflections here we might see the foggy trail over which they wandered. The eyes of man have not been able to pierce the mist of eternity, but from sacred books we read and learn where the Master walked the stony path of life bare-footed, in poverty, to the garden of sorrow, and on to the hill of death, stopping along the way to console the poverty-stricken, the blind and the sick.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M.D.

EARLY TREATMENT CURES MANY BREAST CANCERS

Seventy-five per cent of breast cancers can be cured if treated early. Since breast cancer is one of the most common forms of this dread disease—it is responsible for 5.2 per cent of the reported cancer deaths—we can deal a heavy blow to the rising cancer toll by detecting it early.

By early, I mean that it should be reported to your physician within a few days or few weeks at the most after the appearance of the first lump.

DON'T DELAY A wait of two or three months before you seek medical treatment may be too long. It's easy for you women to examine your breasts. In fact, at least 98 per cent of the women who develop a breast tumor find it themselves.

You should watch for any dimpling of the skin or retraction of the nipple. You should also be on the lookout for a discharge from the nipple or a weeping reaction around the nipple or central portion of the breast.

UNUSUAL LUMPS Feel the breasts with the fingers and hands while sitting and then while lying down. If you notice any lumps, report them to your physician.

Many of these lumps which cannot be noticed when the patient is sitting can be felt when lying down. The reverse also is true. The great majority of such lumps are not cancerous. I would like to emphasize that, but I also want to emphasize that any swelling in the breasts should be reported to your physician immediately.

These examinations should be carried out systematically once every month. If more women would follow this procedure, we could cure a lot more cases of breast cancer.

Surgery can cure most such cancer cases providing they are discovered early enough. When surgery is not possible radiation treatment sometimes is very effective.

Breast cancer should be purely a problem of medical research. It will become just this when women finally learn techniques of self-examination and see their physicians at regular intervals.

QUESTION AND ANSWER S. J.: I have the feeling that there is something in my eye all of the time. I keep rubbing the eyeball constantly. Could this be a cataract?

This symptom is usually an indication that an infection of the lining of the membrane over the eyeball and eyelid is present. It is known as conjunctivitis.

Answer: The feeling that there is something in the eye does not occur in cataract. A careful examination by your physician will indicate the right treatment.

for her initial trial run before June 1. Several major jobs still remain to be done, the most important of which is the laying of steel track- age for freight cars, an involved precision job.

Great Britain's adverse balance of trade for the year 1946 amounted to over one hundred million buck. High Commissioner of the United Kingdom to Canada, stated at a meeting in Charlottetown last night, Sir Alexander and his party will leave by plane for Antigonish later this evening.

MAXIMS

The difference between you and other people is that their money looks bigger and their troubles smaller.

The Age Old Story

Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that is now, and of that which is to come.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Yes, it takes two to make a marriage—a single girl and an anxious mother.—Brandon Sun

Many a man has been let in on the ground floor of a stock deal without being informed that there was a sub-basement.—Brandon Sun

Dogs aren't doing too well these days. Dr. William G. Clemeley, the president of the American Veterinary Radiology Society, reports that dogs are getting ulcers. Reports? Worries caused by traffic, relations with other dogs and modern dog foods.—London Express

Man has found that the best of the day is nearest to the dawn. The sun shines brighter in the morning, the rain comes in torrents, but there is sense of an ever brightening period. There is also the unmistakable sense of victory from having caught the day at its best and earliest.—Vancouver Herald

Always drive to your car will expire before you do.—St. Catherine Standard

An Okawa gardener asks which is the better sign of spring flowers coming up or fuel bills going down.—Okawa Times-Gazette

The next time a figure stalks toward you in clothes fit to kill, don't panic. It isn't the work of a frustrated taxidermist or a creature from outer space. Chances are it's a man and he's wearing the latest fashions from France, the distinctive "new look" for men.—Detroit News

It used to be that the horse and the bull and falls from the mow were the supreme dangers on the farm. Today the tractor has assumed that grim role. Every year young children, driving tractors, are hurt or killed because the machine capsized. The tractor ought to be considered quite as dangerous as a bull, or a horse, or a running creek.—London Free Press

Special Meeting of Local 2268 In St. Paul's Hall, Summerside FRIDAY, MAY 17 — 8 P.M. All carpenters and woodworkers requested to attend. Speakers: Visiting Executive and General Representative of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the proposed rural electrical extension to serve the Elmsdale-Alma-St. Louis area has been approved for construction. Residents in this area, who have completed contracts with the Maritime Electric Company Limited, are hereby advised to wire their premises. Any complaints or disputes regarding the placing of poles on private property or otherwise, or the cutting of trees necessary for line construction, must be referred to this Commission through the local committee at the earliest possible date. The committee representing this area comprise the following members: Joshua Smallman F. J. Peters Isaac Dunbar The Public Utilities Commission Charlottetown Prince Edward Island

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