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Speech From The Throne

The speech from the Throne with which His Honour the Lieutenant Governor opened the Legislature yesterday gives little indication of the nature of the legislation which is pending.

In place of the Royal Commission asked for by a number of local organizations, it is proposed to set up a select standing committee of the Legislature to inquire into educational problems.

Debate on the Speech will doubtless be the first order of business today. The time spent on this formality is worth while if it focuses attention on points that are of real public concern.

Need For Inquiry

The Federal Government's policy of admitting as many Hungarian refugees as are anxious to come to this country will probably meet with general approval, provided it does not seriously interfere with the employment of Canadians.

Sometime ago, for example, a member of the Quebec City Government had this to say: "We have to put order in our own house before looking after the affairs of others."

respect. It may be that they are entirely in error; but that is a question which should be decided only after a proper inquiry has been made.

Every Canadian is conscious of the debt that the cause of freedom owes to the Hungarians who fought the Soviet oppressors with their bare hands when the free nations refused to lift a finger in their defense.

Alas, Human Dignity!

A report tabled in the French Chamber of Deputies reveals that slavery is "rampant" in Saudi Arabia. This is not a new revelation.

The French report gives substantiating facts and figures, viz. young girls can be bought on the auction block for the equivalent of \$560, young healthy men for about \$350 and old women for \$100.

All this would perhaps be of little concern to the outside world were it not for the fact that Saudi Arabia is apparently regarded in high places in Washington as the last best hope for peace in the Middle East.

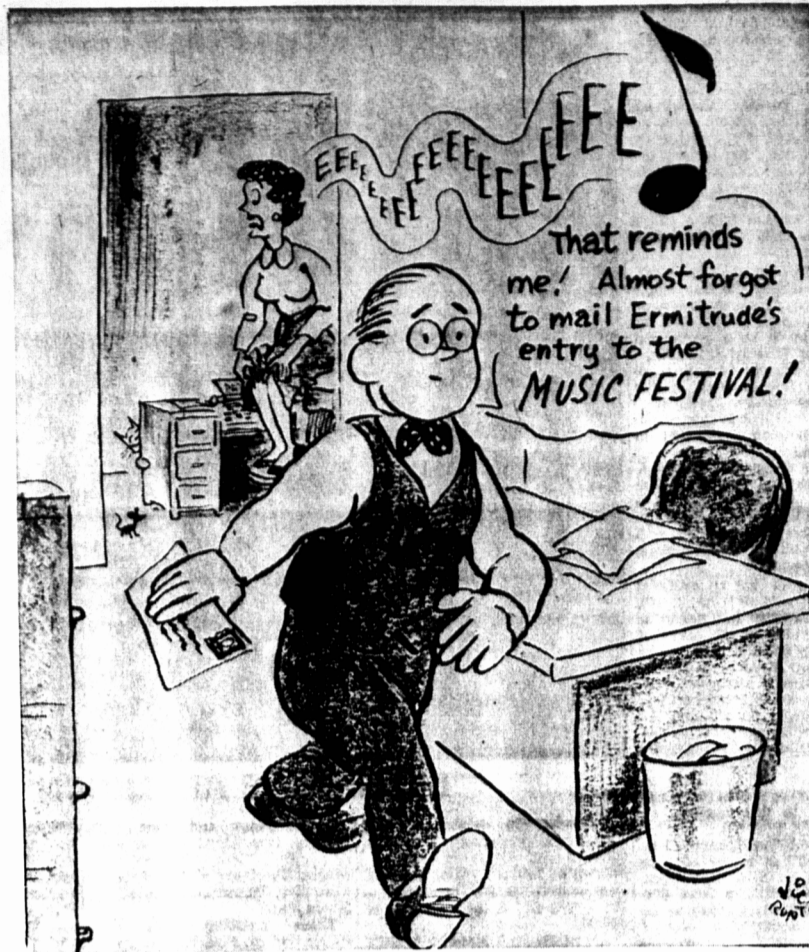
EDITORIAL NOTES

Now that the Duke of Edinburgh is a Prince of the Realm he may perhaps look forward to becoming Prince Consort. This would entitle him to share some of the Queen's heavy responsibilities to the state.

If the Afro-Asian bloc in the United Nations isn't put in its place, the world will soon be under its complete domination. It's one thing, and a very good one, for new nations to be given a voice in world councils; it's quite another, and an unfortunate one, to allow them virtually to monopolize proceedings.

Apart from providing a few jobs for Government supporters, it is difficult to see what useful purpose will be served by the plan to divide the National Museum into two institutions, one for Natural History and the other for Human History.

Mr. J. Angus MacLean, M.P. for Queen's has rightly pointed out to the Commons that it would be unwise for the Farm Loans Board to increase its interest rate. This is one place surely where a tight money policy is not helpful to the country's economy.



TIMELY NOTE

The Tunnel Project: A Flashback

By Heath Macquarrie (Concluded from yesterday's Guardian)

Eventually, long after midnight the discussion came to an end, but not the Island's grievances. Of course the tunnel was never built. Had it been who can say what would have been the economic results?

The national aspect of the problem was well stressed by Mr. Borden who said: "It must be borne in mind that this is not a subject that interests the people of Prince Edward Island alone, it is a question of very great importance to all the people of Canada and especially to the people of the Maritime Provinces."

In method as well as in subject matter the presentation of the case fifty years ago has some value for the present day. It is difficult in so short a space to do justice to the 1907 arguments and to discuss amply the situation today.

(1). In purely fiscal terms a project for linking Prince Edward Island with the mainland is in 1957, as in 1907, far from preposterous. Its estimated cost of 10 to 15 million dollars is certainly small in comparison with the huge sums being expended to build a second transcontinental railway in the 1900's, just as today's projected cost of a causeway pales to insignificance when compared with the tremendous expenditure on the St. Lawrence Seaway and other costly ventures.

(2). Again, 1957 is like 1907 in that Canada is in a buoyant expanding condition economically and it is the responsibility of the national government to see that all parts of the country share in the prevailing boom. Laurier's Minister of Finance, Hon. W. S. Fielding recognized this when he said: "I am disposed to think that if it can be had at moderate cost the people of Prince Edward Island should have this tunnel, not because it is an obligation of Confederation, for I humbly think it is not because they may fairly ask it in order that they may keep pace with the progress of the times, and that they may receive a share of the benefits of the great growing time in Canada irrespective of whether it is an obligation of Confederation or not."

(3). An encouraging feature of the 1907 debate was the interest shown by members from other provinces. To win the support of other parts of the country is an important part of the campaign and at this time it was being well carried out. Two years earlier Rev. A. C. Burke had spoken before a combined meeting of the Toronto Board of Trade and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and had won their endorsement of the tunnel project.

Non partisan unanimity was not always a part of the Island approach to the problem and the lack of it may have, on occasion, been detrimental. It was and is foolish to regard a tunnel or causeway as purely a Prince Edward Island concern, or another piece of public works benefiting a section of the Atlantic Provinces.

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OTTAWA REPORT

That Shrinking Dollar

Ottawa: The purchasing power of our dollar has broken down into new low ground. Compared to an index of 100 for the prices prevailing in 1949, it has now risen above 120 for the first time, to a figure of 120.3.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sudenes, M. D.

LONG CONVALESCENCE ISN'T ALWAYS WISE Prolonged convalescence isn't always a good idea. In fact, the sooner you get back into the normal swing of things — and that includes work — following surgery or injury, the better off you are apt to be.

Every case, of course, should be judged on an individual basis. Your doctor is the best judge as to when you should get out of bed following a serious injury of an operation.

By and large, however, patients may be returned to work much earlier than is normally believed. Recent Air Force studies bear this out.

In general, the Air Force is returning men to duty after about one-half to two-thirds as long a convalescence period as is usually advised.

Take for instance, for one example, a survey of two large industries recently showed that employees lost 13.2 days work on the average while recovering from this relatively simple operation.

A public health survey showed an average of 9.1 days lost. The Air Force, on the other hand, returned men to duty after only 7.7 days.

Experience with operations for hernia shows an even more marked difference. Colonel Don S. Wenger, of the Air Force medical corps, reports that men were returned to duty within 19.9 days. Industries reported a convalescence period of 33.6 to 51 days and the public health survey showed an average of 72.9 days.

There is no definite evidence that this early return to duty by Air Force personnel is harmful, Col. Wenger reports. Indeed, prolonged convalescence might do more damage.

Remaining in bed for a long period is bound to affect your appetite and impair elimination. Both your metabolism and circulation slow down and your muscles begin to waste from inactivity. You are apt to lose weight.

There are psychologic problems too. You tend to worry about yourself and long to return to your family and friends and your everyday activities.

Col. Wenger has found that in some cases healing is actually accelerated as a result of activity. QUESTION AND ANSWER H. M.: Can vitamin B-12 be taken by mouth by a person with pernicious anemia?

Answer: Vitamin B-12 can be taken by mouth. However, it should be used only as the physician prescribes.

The Age Old Story

PRAY without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Great difficulty in disposing of the seed now held in storage in Norfolk and New York, was reported by the Secretary at a directors meeting of the P.E.I. Potato Growers' Association Friday night. The Association has sent Mr. MacFarlane to the United States to watch the markets and arrange for sales.

Major Tudhope, Sergeant Pilot Fleming and Mr. A. D. MacLean, Acting Supt. of Airports, who are touring Eastern Canada on an inspection trip of Airports, left Charlottetown Saturday for St. John. They visited Upton Airport and were much pleased with the new hangar.

TEN YEARS AGO

Fruit growers in the vicinity of Charlottetown agreed last evening to grow 20 acres of strawberries for Matthew Wells, Company of Guelph, Ontario, for the coming season. The agreement was made at a meeting held last evening at which Mr. Wells outlined his Company's berry policy with respect to P.E. Island.

Eight members of the P.E.I. Division, Canadian National Railways were presented with certificates last night in commemoration of each having served 35 years with the Railway. The presentations were made by Superintendent C. T. Montgomery at a banquet held in the men's honour at the Charlottetown Hotel.

MAXIMS

Beautiful young people are accidents of nature. But beautiful old people are works of art.

become our partner in the Commonwealth. It consists of ten islands circling the Caribbean Sea: Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados, seven smaller islands of the Windward and Leeward groups.

Five years from now, this federation of former colonies will graduate to full self-governing status as in independent member of the Commonwealth. Its population of 3,000,000 is scattered over ten islands with a total area of 8,000 square miles, dotted over the 750,000 square miles of warm blue Caribbean. Half the population and more than half the land is contained in Jamaica, which is 1,600 miles from the nearest federal neighbour. The problem of bridging that gap would make even Sir John A. MacDonald and his transcontinental railroad builders turn in their graves.

NOTES BY THE WAY

If you don't know all the answers, take comfort in the reflection that you probably won't be asked all the questions.—Peterborough Examiner

A young Windsorite who made off with a stranger's hat, right on a city street, has been sentenced to 60 days in jail. The case will have a special significance to those who still wear hats. It shows the inviolability of such hardware and sets up a deterrent to warn off snatchers.—Windsor Star

Scientists at the Atlantic fisheries experimental station in Halifax hope they have found the method they've been searching for to dry salt fish. It's a new vacuum freeze-drying process for meats developed by two defence research board scientists and a team of food technologists.—North Bay Nugget

"Waitress wanted" signs in restaurant windows tend to drive away potential customers to whom the signs suggest that they won't be able to get service. According to an official of the National Restaurant Association in the U.S., better psychology would be to use a sign saying "Another Waitress Wanted."—Cape Breton Post

A people which loses the habit of saving loses its stake in its own future. A people which relies on the state to look after its needs, loses not only its stake in the future, but it also commits the big sin of making itself dependent on the state. Once that becomes common practice, the moral fibres disappear along with the economic sinews.—Financial Times

HOUSE AS PRESENT BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (CP) Heiress Barbara Hutton marked the 21st birthday of her only son Sunday by giving him a luxurious home, unofficially valued at \$400,000. Lance Reventlow is her son, Count Court Haugwitz-Reventlow, Danish nobleman from whom Miss Hutton was divorced in 1941.

WILD OX The Banteng ox of Malaya is a ferocious dweller in jungles, which is only occasionally tamed.

NEW UNION STAMP UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) The United Nations will issue two special stamps April 8 honoring the emergency force on duty in the Middle East. One will be a 30-cent blue stamp and the other an eight-cent red stamp. Both will bear a design depicting the circular badge worn on the armbands and headgear of the emergency force.

How To Cook Rice

What the average Canadian housewife serves up as boiled rice would disgust the average diner in China or India where they make this food a staple article of diet. So says Food Editor Helen Gougoun in The Standard this week. Read her instructions on cooking rice and her list of recipes that will help you put new life into your daily meals. Get The Standard—on sale now, complete with magazine, 12-page novel and 20 pages of comics. Only ten cents.

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