

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

Parliament Prorogues

The Government has shown little weakness during the past session and the course of Parliamentary business has reflected that fact.

Important general measures such as basic amendments to the Bank Act and revision of the Criminal Code were dealt with without difficulty.

The Budget brought little in the way of either pain or pleasure. The Government, however, took a firm stand on the claim of the Province of Quebec that the Provinces have priority in the matter of levying Income Tax.

A most important measure was that giving effect to an agreement with the Provinces that Provincial boards should be given authority to exercise Federal powers in the matter of inter-Provincial highway traffic.

Eclipse Of The Sun

Tomorrow a shadow will speed at 3,000 miles per hour from Nebraska to Pakistan, its 8,000-mile course lasting from sunrise to sunset although accomplished in less than three hours.

Many warnings have been given by scientists and medical men that it is dangerous to look at the sun even in eclipse without adequate protection.

Estimates of the temperature of the sun's surface range from 4,000 to 35,000 degrees centigrade. Canadian and American scientists will take observations in this country both from the ground and from aircraft in attempts to learn more about the composition of the chromosphere.

Totality in any given place will last 89 seconds but the whole show 53 minutes. During a previous eclipse observed in this Province amateur photographers obtained interesting effects of sunlight shining through leaves and producing innumerable crescents of light.

Vital Interests At Stake

The Dominion Government has decided to resume, by special legislation, the power which it had exercised under the Emergency Powers Act until that legislation expired, of granting or withholding at its own discretion the license to work on vessels sailing on the Great Lakes.

A generation ago it could be safely assumed that the owners of the vessels operating on the Great Lakes, as indeed of any vessels operating anywhere, could be relied upon to refuse to engage any person whom they regarded as untrustworthy.

trustworthy, and it was obviously much in their own interest to do so. There was therefore no necessity for anybody else to bother with the problem. Sabotage, it was assumed, would be made impossible, or as near as might be to it, by the precautions of the owners of the property at risk.

That is no longer the case. A worker once employed can no longer be dismissed for untrustworthiness based merely on his political beliefs or on a careful estimate of his character.

If neither the employer nor the union is in a position to get rid of the untrustworthy employee, there remains only one authority which can do it, and that is the sovereign power. It is contended that the methods followed should be closely similar to those of a court of law, in order that there may be no danger of a really trustworthy person being dismissed as untrustworthy.

But on the Great Lakes it cannot be made a principle that it is better that an untrustworthy person should be left in his employment than that a trustworthy person should be wrongly dismissed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Festival of St. Peter and St. Paul.

The third annual aerial battle against the spruce budworm has ended in New Brunswick. Favorable weather allowed spraying during the period when the pest is most vulnerable.

The Government of the United Kingdom has always laid great stress on continuity of foreign policy. Sir Winston Churchill was faithful to the tradition in associating Mr. Eden with any understanding reached at Washington.

According to official figures, the Government payroll in Ottawa, including staffs of the Bank of Canada and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, now numbers 36,077 men and women who are paid approximately \$115,461,000 annually.

Politicians are commonly reported as citing the rights and privileges to which they consider their constituents are entitled. It is refreshing to have Mr. J. Angus MacLean remind them that they should also learn and exercise the duties of citizenship on a municipal, provincial and national level.

From Washington comes the story that the Prime Minister and the President have agreed on condition for the withdrawal of British troops from the Suez canal zone. Supervision will be turned over to Egypt provided that country makes the canal zone available to allied forces in the event of a Soviet attack on any Middle Eastern state.

Joseph Aloysius Hansom, English architect and inventor, died this date 1882. Originally a joiner by trade, he showed an aptitude for design and took up architecture. He designed Birmingham town hall and many important buildings, particularly Roman Catholic churches.

It is unfortunate that India should have decided even "with regret" to close its High Commission in South Africa at the request of the South African Government, thus breaking the last direct diplomatic link between the two Commonwealth nations.



Advice To Male Readers: One Thing Sometimes Leads To Another!

The Poet's Corner

AUSPEX My heart, I cannot still it; Nest that had song-birds in it; And when the last shall go, The dreary days to fill it, Before their wild confusion, Shall whirl dead leaves and snow.

—James Russell Lowell

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I.

TRADE IN SHEEP SKINS "To give an idea of the trade in sheep skins in Charlottetown, we mention that one individual, Mr. Charles Reilly, purchases on the average 200 sheep skins every market day, and has expended the amount of \$120 per week since the middle of August on this one article.

Essence Of June

The man who moves the lawn gave us the season's first whiff of that sweet, green fragrance of fresh-cut grass; but now come the haymakers, and the whole countryside takes on a fragrance as characterful as the chopper follows the fragrance of lilacs in May.

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OTTAWA REPORT Commonwealth-Conference

Seven Senators and Members of Parliament, representing all four political parties, will enjoy a trip to Africa this summer to attend the biennial meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Kenya and Rhodesia are acting as joint hosts to this gathering. The governments of those countries will pay all expenses of the visitors: from Montreal back to Montreal in the case of the Canadian delegation.

Representatives of all the Parliaments in the Commonwealth and British Empire, covering one quarter of the human race, will gather for this huge unofficial Parliament. After the formal meetings in the city of Nairobi early in August, the delegates will tour Kenya and Rhodesia; some will go on to tour South Africa, while others will visit the Gold Coast in West Africa.

Canada was host to the last meeting in 1952. Over 100 delegates met in Ottawa; after that the important and Empire Coast and back in a special train as guests of this country.

The conference will discuss, behind closed doors as usual, every subject of mutual interest to the Commonwealth and Empire countries. These will include foreign affairs, defence, trade, migration, as well as an interchange of information and ideas on topics ranging from agriculture to parliamentary procedure.

"I believe too," he added, "that recent developments in world affairs have made us all realize more clearly that the great association of nations we call the Commonwealth offers an important balancing factor against the immense power of the United States, and saves the Free World from being dominated by that country."

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The Passing Scene A VETERAN EXPLORER

With all the current talk about the movements and prospective movements of armies, navies and air fleets, news of another and different kind of expedition comes as a pleasant and uplifting diversion.

This will be the 30th Northern exploration trip for Commander MacMillan who is in his 80th year. Of the thirteen man crew (12 men and one woman actually; Mrs. MacMillan is going along for the ninth time) a majority can claim prior experience.

First time adventurers and explorers are two University students, the head of the Science Department in a small Connecticut college, the superintendent of a park in Hawaii, and a middle-aged scientist from Pennsylvania.

On one voyage Commander MacMillan remained in the Arctic regions for four years. His chief purpose at that time was to find out once for all whether or not a new island, which Admiral Peary believed he had seen in one of his earlier expeditions, did in fact exist.

Most men of Commander MacMillan's age, especially those who have spent their lives, as he has, in difficult and hazardous work, are thinking of retirement, if indeed they have not already reached that stage.

The day before he left on the current voyage he told newsmen that he hoped this time to go to about eleven degrees of the North Pole and to get back to the United States (he does not use the phrase "back to civilization") by November; otherwise he and his party might have to spend the winter in the Arctic ice.

That, of course, would be an inconvenience for the members of his crew, who have their work and studies awaiting them back home; but one feels that for the Commander himself a winter in the snow and ice, an enforced sojourn with the wonders and mysteries of the Far North, would be no great calamity.

There cannot be very many more plant specimens for Commander MacMillan to bring back to the museums; but, as long as he can continue to bring back to the world the memories and pleasures that have come from great expectations. Admirers of the heroic everywhere will say to this 80 year old explorer: "Pleasant voyage and a safe return."

VIGILANT INSPECTOR MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP) — Mayor L. H. Lewry was tagged with a \$1 parking ticket 10 minutes after he bought a used car and parked in front of city hall.

HISTORIC ROUTE Parsnip river in the Cariboo district of British Columbia, flowing to the Peace River, was once an important fur trade route.

SUMMER FRAGRANCES BY TUSSY GARDEN PARTY A delightful, light, airy fragrance with a cool lilac overtones.

FLOWER MART A perfect potpourri of floral fragrances, cool, refreshing.

EARLY IRIS New—scolding fragrance created to complement the fragile summer fashions.

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