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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew" "The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Getting In Both Ways

When it comes to railway freight rates, the Central Provinces appear to get all the breaks. Where the rates cannot be kept down by competitive truck and water transportation, lines are subsidized in order to provide lower rates than would otherwise be applied.

It notes that among the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Transportation implemented in a series of amendments to the Railway Act in December, 1951, was the provision of a subsidy to the railways to maintain the track on their lines running through the "economic bridge" of Northern Ontario from Sudbury to Fort William and from Cochrane to Armstrong.

Happy Milking

There seems little in common between bombers and milk production but a report from New Zealand indicates that a milk ejection recorder at Ruakara animal research station in the Waikato district has turned one to the service of the other.

By this means it should be possible to test the efficiency of milking machines, the reaction of cows to visitors, noise, music and other factors. The individual likes and dislikes of the particular cow can be readily determined.

All of this should not be shrugged aside as being of academic interest only. The whole effort of the dairy industry is directed to the production of milk and accurate information about the factors contributing to or preventing milk production is of very practical value.

The actual findings from the use of this equipment will be of the highest interest to dairymen and should contribute even more to their comfort and well-being than to that of the cows.

Functioning Seaway

Often forgotten when the St. Lawrence Seaway is discussed, notes an exchange, is the fact that there already is a seaway used by ocean ships entering the Great Lakes.

The Welland Canal between Lakes Ontario and Erie already is of a capacity to take the larger ocean craft that would proceed beyond Montreal to Lake Ontario after the deeper and wider canal around the river rapids is built.

A reminder that ocean vessels do enter the Great Lakes by way of the St. Lawrence comes in the news from Marseille, France, that a ship will take the French flag back to the shores of Lake Michigan for the first time since the days of Pere Marquette and the early French voyagers.

As a matter of record the mounting ocean trade between the Great Lakes and ports in Western and Mediterranean Eu-

rope via the St. Lawrence route will be served this year by 51 foreign-flag, shallow-draft ships according to the New York Times.

This will be an increase of 11 ships over last year. Services will be operated by nine Dutch, Holland, French, Swedish, Norwegian and British shipping firms to the Great Lakes. In the enlarged fleet will be six new foreign-built motor ships and three other vessels, including two freighters being operated by a newcomer to the trade.

The Speaker's Arms

Mr. W. S. Morrison, Speaker of the United Kingdom House of Commons, has found it necessary to apply for a coat-of-arms so it can be painted on the panels of the 250-year-old coach in which he will ride on Coronation day.

This sidelight on an historic occasion, comments the Ottawa Journal, is a reminder of the high status of the Speaker in every Parliament modelled on Westminster. The Speaker as the custodian of the dignity and honor of the House of Commons is the living emblem of democracy.

In olden times, English Speakers at their peril defied kings and princes and would-be dictators. A Speaker, as was said by one who stood by his rights centuries ago, has neither eyes to see nor ears to hear other than the House bids him.

"When Mr. Speaker Macdonald of Canada takes his place at the 'Coronation,'" says the Journal, "he is there for all of us, the custodian of our democratic privileges, his selection as chairman of the Commons approved by all parties. He needs no coat-of-arms (although he could have it as well as Mr. Speaker Morrison) to emphasize the free system of government of a united nation proud to pay tribute to its Sovereign."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The best slogan for stimulating interest in immigration is that of Mr. Ross Thatcher, M.P. (CCF-Moose Jaw): "The more people in Canada, the less taxes for everybody."

The scheduled early morning trip of the Car ferry from Borden should prove highly popular, particularly with shippers, although motorists who are anxious to cover a long day's journey will also be interested.

It is a little difficult to reconcile the agricultural picture described by the Government at Ottawa with that depicted by the Opposition. It is probably even more difficult to determine just what effect Government policies may have on the greater or less prosperity seen.

It might seem paradoxical but long awaited Senate reform might be accomplished by reducing the powers of that body. The present unlimited powers of the Senate to block legislation make it intolerable that it should do so in defiance of the elected House.

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Will Ye No Come Back Again?



The Poet's Corner

SPRING AIR Each tree has a halo, Bush, a golden fuzz, Oh, the gauzy green And the yellow Of this washed air, Bright bubble That all wear!

Girl on a pogo stick Jumps up and down Gay and emphatic, Not to the tune The raspberry toe Of the pigeon hops to, Nor the seal's andante heav!

Tricks Played By Glaciers

Maps are fascinating studies. A good map makes doubly interesting a narrative like Mackenzie's stories of his exploration of the Northwest Territories.

It is customary to believe, however that map-making is a pretty dull business. Occasional alterations are required as a result of political change, or the erection of dams, or the building of roads, but there seems little else for the map-maker to do that is original.

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Decline Of Breakfast

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The Age Old Story

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby.

BRITISH SOLDIER RETURNS

BERLIN. (AP)—British authorities announced Monday a soldier who deserted to the Russian zone almost three years ago has returned and surrendered to his unit in Berlin. John C. M. Kirby, 23, of Prestwick, Ayrshire, Scotland, was a driver in the Royal Army Service Corps and was listed as absent since August, 1950. He is awaiting court martial.

Old Charlottetown

On Wednesday last, a number of ladies and gentlemen assembled at Government House, by invitation, to witness the operation of a Stumping Machine, lately constructed under the direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor (Sir Henry Vere Hu-

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Notes By The Way

After watching a young mother feed little tots of two and three years of age bottles of soft drinks one wonders what kind of stamina they will have when they grow up. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Premier Malan of South Africa says a republic will be set up in that country "whenever the country is considered ripe for it." Nobody will try to stop it, but it is not easy to see what South Africa would gain by such a step—it is easy to see what she would lose. — Ottawa Journal.

The new Indian attitude toward missions will alter the course of their work but it does not look as though that work would be stopped altogether. It does appear that in future the preaching side of missionary work will be in the hands of Indian Christians; can we find any serious fault with that? We must rid ourselves of our lingering shreds of Bible imperialism which impeded our concept of modern India. — Peterborough Examiner.

A young Fort William lad ran screaming into his home the other day to tell his mother "I am blind." Happily he had not been blinded but he had thought so because of glass blown in his eyes when a firecracker exploded inside a bottle. In another town a smoldering firecracker was found in the canopy of a baby carriage. It was in the news this week that the fire chief at Belleville had traced four actual fires to the use of firecrackers. The list could be made out to almost any length. Firecrackers cause a lot of trouble. — Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Victoria's breath of spring has gone to the prairies, Ontario and Quebec. The biggest airlift of daffodils in the city's history has been carried by chartered plane to east-coast markets. There is satisfaction in knowing that we share some of our floral riches with less fortunate parts of the country. And if we must note the commercial end of the transaction, we should also take cognizance of the publicity value to this community of such shipments. — Victoria Times.

Our dollar looks more like an American dollar than anything else, but it is not such a good job of design. The U. S. dollar is smaller, and its general appearance is cleaner and more artistically forceful than ours. There is no reason to change the size of our dollar for there are obvious advantages in having it bigger than that of our neighbor; for one thing, it makes it easier to tell them apart. But without sacrificing any of the scroll-work or other "points" which make life hard for the counterfeiters, the proportions and the design itself could be greatly improved. — Peterborough Examiner.

A picture, which is based on the lives of the early settlers and in which the hero role portrays a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, is to be filmed, of all places, in Banff, and the title Spectator.

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