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Mr. Hees' Assurance

The assurance given yesterday in Parliament by Transport Minister Hees puts our car ferry prospects in a new light. This was to the effect that a new boat would be ready for service sometime in 1961.

We had contemplated a delay of some four years before a new boat could be designed and built, and this assurance that our needs will be met within two years, and without prejudice to our causeway project claims, removes much of the grounds of our grievance against Ottawa on this subject.

Mr. Scott, in his report to the Provincial Government, dealt chiefly with the carrying capacity of the Michigan boat and its adaptability for docking at our piers.

Thus there would be a difference of only one year in the delay period between the Vacationland, if it were acquired, and the new boat which has been promised us.

There is, of course, a political point involved. If the Government had acted two years ago, when it came into power, we might now be enjoying the service of the new boat.

That project, inadvertently, provided an alibi for inaction against which we protested on many occasions. It took a change of government at Ottawa to get our Liberal friends really interested in the ferry problem.

It has taken a lot of hammering to bring this ferry issue to a head, but that is no unusual thing in the long history of our Province.

ing our grievance to the point of unreasonableness would get us nowhere fast.

We shall expect, of course, that the assurance given yesterday will be implemented to the letter, and that in the meantime everything possible will be done to relieve the existing situation at Borden.

Still Flouting The U.N.

After nursing President Nasser along for years, the United Nations is again having trouble with the Egyptian dictator and his management of the Suez Canal.

It will be recalled that Egypt's denial to the Suez to Israeli shipping was one of the provocations for Israel's attack in 1956.

Today, it constitutes a serious threat to U.N. authority. Israel has embarked on a program to develop trade with the Far East, and the use of the canal will be vital to this program for some time to come.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A last bequest from John Foster Dulles leaves his private island retreat in Lake Ontario to the Canadian people.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS

Sir—Some time ago, Mr. Malcolm MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Education, in an address on the value of music in "any wise system of education", announced that great progress has been made in the teaching of this subject in the public schools of our province.

This announcement, on the bare mention of it, certainly sounds good; but it is quite impossible for music-minded readers of The Guardian to fully evaluate the announcement until they learn just what this teaching of music by visiting teachers really consists of.

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Latin American Neighbors

By Joseph MacQueen Canadian Press Staff Writer

Recurrent troubles in Latin America take a political form and give scope to well-known cracks about banana republics. But it's generally recognized now that the unrest results mostly from feelings of economic wrongs—a simple thing of dollars and cents, pesos and centavos.

Students have rioted in Ecuador during the last few days. Last week student riots in Paraguay forced Dictator Alfredo Stroessner to put the country back under a state of modified martial law.

Electronic wizardry is the newest aid to Louis Braille's 120-year-old system of printing for the blind.

Jeunes Aveugles to teach blind children. His system of embossed symbols resembling capitals could not be easily written by the blind, and it was difficult for many to read.

Our Yesterdays (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 6, 1934) A meeting of the Teachers' Study Group was held in the Kensington High School on Monday afternoon.

For the coastal trade with Newfoundland, the M.V. Eskimo has been turned over to the P. E. I. Industrial Corporation. Purchased from the Hud-

May Help To Solve Cancer

By Herman N. Hudson, M.D. THE FIRST major breakthrough in our battle to solve the cancer riddle may well be a victory over leukemia, the tragic blood disease which annually claims thousands of lives.

As a matter of fact, some doctors and scientists thought the leukemia problem had been licked a few years ago when cortisone and ACTH produced such dramatic remission of symptoms that it appeared as if that a cure had been found.

But, as has been the problem with so many drugs, patients eventually developed resistance to both hormonal preparations. TOO MANY WHITE CELLS

In leukemia there is a tremendous over-production of white blood cells. Sometimes the white blood cell count goes as high as 800,000 cells per cubic mm. In contrast, the white cell count of a normal, healthy person ranges between 7,000 to 12,000 cells per cubic mm.

Ordinarily, the bone marrow and lymph glands produce only as many white and red cells as the body needs. But in leukemia, the white cell production gets out of control. CAN'T FIGHT INFECTION

Now these white cells do not mature and, hence, they are unable to fight off infection. As the number of white cells increases, the number of red cells decreases. The result is anemia.

Because the blood does not clot properly, patients may die from hemorrhage or infection. Up until 1948 leukemia appeared to be a hopeless problem. We had no specific chemotherapeutic agents to combat the disease. QUICKLY FATAL

Half of the children stricken with leukemia died within four months after diagnosis of their illness. Ninety per cent were dead eleven months after diagnosis.

However, our weapons against leukemia have become much more potent in the last eleven years. TURN OF TIDE

The year 1948 saw the turn of the tide with the introduction of antifolic agents. By blocking the use of folic acid, which leukemia cells need to live, these antifolic agents literally starve the disease cells.

With these — the previously mentioned cortisone and ACTH and other drugs — the survival time has been lengthened considerably. In a recent study at a Boston hospital, half of the 800 children treated for leukemia were still alive after fourteen months of treatment.

The battle has not been won, but we certainly are gaining ground. QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. C.: My finger nails break off and then my finger tips become sore. Can you tell me about something that will correct this condition?

Answer: The condition you describe may be due to a vitamin deficiency, especially a lack of vitamin A.

NOTES BY THE WAY

New troubles are besetting the Senate office building in Washington—the one in which the tunnel to the Capitol building stops 100 yards short of its goal.

A nylon rope, believed to be the world's biggest, has been manufactured in Scotland. It contains one and a half million miles of nylon filament—enough to girdle the equator 60 times.

Canadian manufacturers of refrigerators are advancing this year's campaign to guard against possibilities of children becoming trapped in discarded ice boxes and refrigerators.

Corporal punishment in schools and reform institutions is being discussed in many areas of both Canada and the United States. Across the border there is a growing feeling that the best way to cure the problem of juvenile delinquency is with a good strong paddle.

Despite the disappointments of still another season of poor prices for their crop, New Brunswick potato growers have been busy planting still another crop, which agriculture officials estimate will take up only eight per cent less acreage than last year's.

son Bay Company, the cargo vessel was built in 1942 at Lunenburg, N.S. The vessel is expected to arrive in Charlottetown on Tuesday.

Walter Henderson, member of Parliament for the northern British Columbia riding of Cariboo, claims the black flies in his constituency are the largest in the world.



MEMORIES THAT LIVE

Life's closing day; how will it end; Will it be like the radiance of the sun As it sinks beyond some mountain peak; Or like the rainbow's encircling arch

—Lewis Henry McAllister in the Montreal Star-Herald

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