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Railway Award

A binding arbitration award has been made in the dispute between the railways and their non-operating employees.

His proposed solution is that there should be a subsidy to compensate for the low Crows Nest Pass rates which were fixed about thirty years ago at the level of 1897.

This is the first time in recent years that the railways have not been expected to reimburse themselves for higher wage costs by an increase in freight rates.

It may well be that a subsidy to enable freight rates to be held at present levels would save the taxpayer money in the long run.

Challenge To Universities

In the next twelve years it is estimated that Canada will require 189,239 more university graduates than the universities can be expected to supply on the basis of present trends.

These and other challenging figures were presented recently at a meeting in Halifax of the advisory committee on education in the Maritime Provinces which was attended by the Right Rev. Dr. R. V. MacKenzie, Rector of St. Dunstan's University and by Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Principal of Prince of Wales College.

The figures mean that universities must turn out substantially larger numbers of graduates than would be provided by the continuance of present trends.

How our colleges and universities will provide the buildings, equipment and staffs to expand at this greatly increased rate presents a formidable problem.

Taxes And Psychology

Commenting on Finance Minister Harris' Montreal speech about the necessity for tax reductions, the Winnipeg Free Press finds his words, in the circumstances, to be both "puzzling and unfortunate."

"Mr. Harris has not been finance minister very long, but he is a shrewd and experienced politician; enough so, certainly, to be very well aware of the best way to handle tax cuts.

"This is the well-worn technique of finance ministers everywhere, but the reasons for it have not lost their force. To make the maximum political effect is only part of them.

conditions in which they have to work. The wise finance minister, therefore, bangs the drums hard when he comes to his Budget speech; he avoids preliminary rolls.

"Mr. Harris, it is reasonable to assume, knows this. The effect of his speech, in hinting at tax cuts, must therefore be interpreted as unintentional.

Truce In The Cold War?

It is understandable that the ardent desire which mankind cherishes for peace should lead people to believe that the lull in the cold war marks the beginning of a new era in international relations.

Prudence and commonsense suggest, however, that the reasons for the truce in the cold war are deeper and more subtle than appearances might lead one to believe.

Such, indeed, must be the strategy which lies behind the attitude of Mr. Vishinsky, head of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations, with regard to disarmament.

The truce in the cold war, it is to be feared, is a 'phony' truce, devised to serve the unchanged aims of Soviet imperialism.

EDITORIAL NOTES

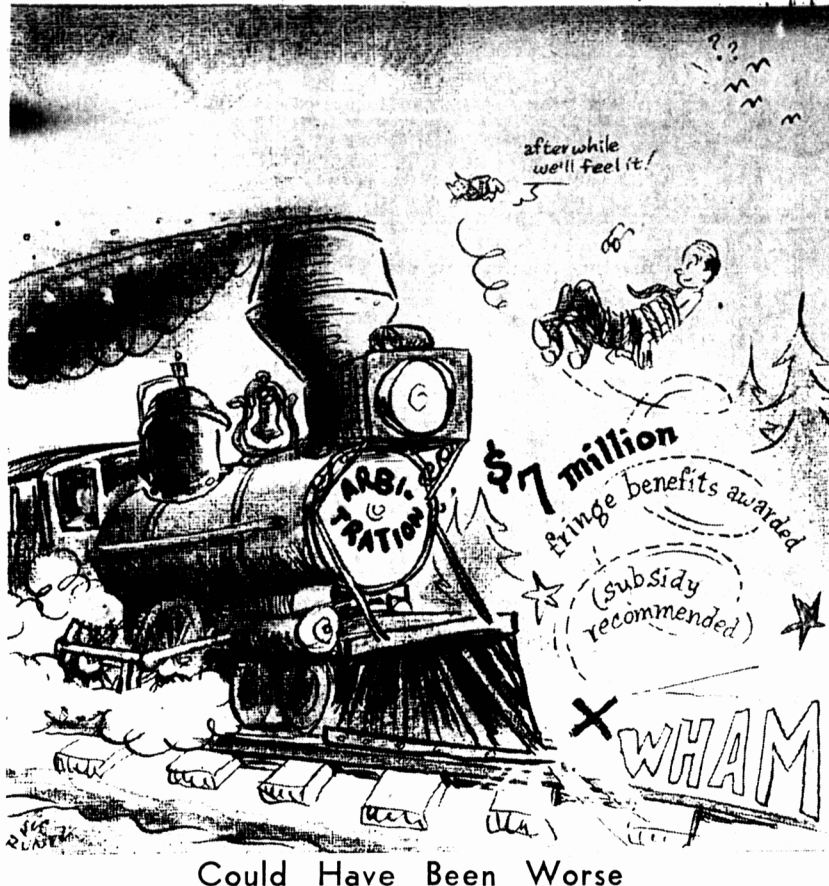
It is expected to take Department of Mines experts three months to determine whether the 680-square-mile depression northwest of Sept Isles is or is not of meteoric origin.

Three countries, New Zealand, Sweden and Canada, pay more per capita for the United Nations than does the United States, although that country is by far the largest contributor.

Statistics for 1952 show a reduction in the number of Canadian firms having a profit of more than \$25,000. The number making a profit of between \$10,000 and \$15,000, however, has so increased that the total Federal income tax paid by companies was higher than in 1951.

Franklin Pierce, 14th president of the United States, was born this date 1804. He was in office from 1853 to 1857 as a Democrat.

It would cost anything up to \$100,000 to restore the home in Portland, Maine where Henry Wordsworth Longfellow was born.



Could Have Been Worse

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.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROGERS

Sir.—The press has properly valued the life work of Mr. R. H. Rogers in two words, a "Christian gentleman." I wish to add my tribute to one of my greatest friends and fellow workers.

I will not try to enumerate his many other acts of public service. His life was a splendid example of the many ways a "Christian gentleman" can aspire to greater heights and lead the way. Rotary's motto "Service is the rent we owe for the space we occupy" if applied to Mr. Rogers readily shows that he was a man who spent a life well worth emulating.

I am, Sir, etc., W. J. P. MACMILLAN, Charlottetown, November 22.

APPLE JUICE

Sir.—Mayor Charlotte Whitton of Ottawa is one of the strong women of Canada. The fact that a woman is the first official in the capital city of our Dominion is very significant.

International relations are like personal relations in one respect—it is dangerous to take them for granted.

Alcoholic liquor, say what we like, is a dangerous drink. This attitude to some people may seem narrow and mean, but long ago a very wise man said: "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright."

NOTES BY THE WAY

One of the advantages of living in Russia is that you can go to bed on election night pretty certain that those early scattered results will hold up.

And then there's the man who wears a ready-made bow tie—and objects if his wife serves him pie with ready-mix crust.

With the steady improvement in automobile tires, there's a serious danger of a generation of kids being brought up without the educational advantage of having listened to father changing a flat.

Ordinarily the suspension of a newspaper is not something to cheer about. But in all things there are exceptions.

Warnings to motorists against taking "one for the road" are being varied by the Dairy Farmers of Canada.

A British wise man about education, Mr. John Brophy, has given us a thought for the week: "I don't disbelieve in corporal punishment for children, but I don't think it is very good for teachers."

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Because Eskimos have no family names, use the same "first" name.

The Age Old Story

O Lord, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanities, and things wherein there is no profit.

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The Passing Scene By Observer WHAT "GOOD" SCHOOLS DO I have had a chance to look over an interesting booklet that was issued a few weeks ago by the New York State Educational Conference Board in connection with the observance of American Education Week.

It was my good fortune to know Professor John Dewey, who seems to bear the brunt of most of the violent attacks against pragmatic philosophy; on several occasions I had the social and intellectual pleasure of chatting with him on different subjects.

There are other requirements listed; but most of them, as far as can be seen, are extensions of the ones I have mentioned.

What I really started out to discuss—very briefly—is the subject of the booklet referred to above. From it I gather that the schools are expected to do almost everything for the pupils committed to their charge, not to mention a miscellaneous assortment of things for their parents.

(1) The community must be utilized to enrich the school curricula. What forms this enrichment should take are not clear.

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