

# The Guardian

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## Premiers' Conference

At the suggestion of Premier Matheson, it is likely that the conference of Atlantic Premiers proposed by Premier Fleming of New Brunswick will be held on July 9. Mr. Fleming originally suggested July 2, but this date was not convenient to other government leaders. The July 6 date meets with the approval of Premier Hicks and Premier Smallwood but for Mr. Fleming himself it will mean cancellation of a two weeks vacation he had planned spending in Prince Edward Island. It is to be hoped that this brief holiday will materialize later, and that he will still be able to spend it with us in this garden Province.

The conference proposal was sparked by a statement by Prime Minister St. Laurent in referring to the Atlantic economy in a Toronto speech in April. He said, in effect, that federal aid would be considered for area redevelopment in these Provinces if we ourselves provide the ideas and initiative. This certainly is a challenge which should not be ignored. Apart from any immediate benefit, our government leaders in these Provinces cannot get together too frequently or work too closely together in the attainment of common objectives. We have one ourselves for this Province—the proposed causeway connecting us with the mainland—which is now being surveyed as to the economic practicability of its construction. Power projects are also of general interest and concern. There is also, in the offing, a conference covering the Atlantic Provinces and the New England States to be held at Bar Harbour, Maine, in September, and the July conference of our Atlantic Premiers will serve a good purpose as a prelude to this important meeting.

The last thing worth considering in connection with either of the forthcoming conferences is the party politics of those participating. We have geographical and economic problems on the Atlantic seaboard that can only be solved by joint efforts and mutual goodwill. We share a fine tradition in pioneer achievement, dating long before the western states and provinces were carved out of the wilderness. It lies not in our stars but in ourselves if we should fail to rise to the challenge of the future.

## Ceylon's Demand

Of all the Prime Ministers now in London for the Commonwealth Conference, none is more likely to stir up adverse criticism than Solomon Bandaranaike of Ceylon. This, because of a request and a demand, seemingly contrary to the one to the other, he has brought with him. He wants Ceylon, which soon will become a Republic, to stay within the Commonwealth; at the same time he is demanding that Britain's bases on the island be given up immediately. This surely is straining the elasticity of the Commonwealth relationship about as far as it can be expected to go in its present stage of development. Yet, there is little doubt that both the request and the demand will be approved by the conference—assuming that the latter is made a subject of discussion; if it is, it will be simply on a matter of principle, since of course negotiations between Britain and Ceylon are not the direct concern of the other member nations.

It would be easy to point out that a Republican Ceylon will not be in a position to contribute much to Commonwealth solidarity, such as it is. But against this obvious fact, there is another, namely, that the Commonwealth idea is fast deepening to the point where almost any country can choose to share its benefits, at no cost to complete sovereignty. There is a coming of the Scandinavian countries, perhaps most of Western Europe, into the aggregate of nations, strange

though it seems, there are those in places of intellectual responsibility in the United States—it has not yet reached the political stage—who are half suggesting that that country, too, might do well to come in. It is possible that some time in the future, and perhaps not as far off as it may seem at present, the "Commonwealth" will include all countries and all peoples which adhere to any form of free and democratic government. This is perhaps a far fetched vision; but so was the idea behind the Statue of Westminster for many years before it became a reality. Such an association would have all the intangible advantages of a "political union", which people everywhere profess to admire, and none or very few of the tangible ones, which do not appear to be in high esteem anywhere.

## Scots Are Angry

There is trouble brewing North of the Tweed and its tributaries. It came about in this wise: The Queen, who is starting out on a tour of Ayreshire early in June, has let it be known that she will spend ten minutes at a little cottage in Alloway where Scotland's great poet, Robert Burns, was born. That Her Majesty would stop at Alloway goes without saying. No one, high or low, rich or poor, would ever dream of by-passing that sacred spot. What is bothering the Scots is the proposed "ten minute" schedule. They think it is an affront to Bobbie's memory. This is how an official of one organization put it: "In our opinion it is impossible for anyone to approach that cottage in the proper frame of mind and leave it in so short a time. Unless one does intend to pay homage to the bard in the true spirit, it is better not to go to his birthplace at all." Another critic was even more blunt. "We all felt," he said, "it was making a mockery of the thing, and the Queen would do better to skip it altogether."

As everybody knows by now, most of the advice concerning Royal itineraries is rendered by Scottish functionaries, for the simple reason there are more Scots than non-Scots in places of responsibility at the foot of the throne. But, in this instance it is clear that an Englishman, and not a very imaginative one at that, made out the Royal timetable. Doubtless, it will be revised in a manner more in keeping with the respect due to the great bard of Ayr.

## They're Indispensable

Welcome visitors this week are the members of the Maritime Pharmaceutical Association whose convention will conclude today with a dinner and ball at the Charlottetown Hotel. The local association is playing host to the convention, and has provided facilities and time for entertainment as well as for the strenuous business sessions which constitute the main reason for the gathering. Our druggists are among our most hard-working practitioners, and no profession enjoys a higher rating in public confidence and esteem. We could have wished them sunnier weather for this week's convention, but otherwise we trust that it will prove an unqualified success.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, our farmers are getting less money for their crops but the hungry still have to pay more for food than they can afford. This complaint is not new, but it adds up to a serious indictment of our civilization.

The new edition, summer issue, of the Polio Post is off the press and ready for sale. The Post is a magazine prepared and published by the patients at the Orthopedic Centre in Charlottetown. They write, type, edit, proofread, etc., all the material themselves, with some articles from other Rehabilitation Centres, officials of the Department of Health, and former patients. This year the Department has put in their list of precautions in the Post for all its readers. Dr. B. D. Howatt, Health Officer, has contributed to the Post one of its most timely and appropriate articles about polio and the Salk vaccine, entitled "Brief History of Polio." There are other interesting and informative articles on a variety of subjects.



THE BIG SQUEEZE

## PUBLIC FORUM

### THE CAUSEWAY

Sir,—At this time a survey is being conducted to determine whether conditions and material for the proposed Causeway between our Province and the Mainland are such as to make the project practically possible. Since this survey was initiated, we have not seen any comment favorable or otherwise in our Island papers. We hope we are not possessed of a one-track mind when we express shock and surprise at the indifference of our leading people and our legislators, at this vital time pregnant with possibility for immense progress in Island affairs. Many of us, no longer young will not live to see the completion of this causeway when and if it becomes an accomplished fact, but we feel sure that we are all interested in the future of our children, our grandchildren, and with these in mind we should exert our united pressure towards the department in Ottawa. In a concerted demand for this practical fulfillment of the continuous and uninterrupted communication clause in the terms of Confederation.

We must get rid of the deplorable inferiority that we have harbored ever since we so unfortunately fostered and joined Confederation. We are not asking any unwarranted bonus. We have in previous correspondence, maintained and we now emphatically reiterate, that we have been bilked in Federal manipulation of public or crown lands. Quebec has been granted a major part of the Laurier mineral wealth recently enhanced incalculably by the advent of atomic fission and the consequent inestimable increase in value of its great deposits of Uranium ore. Most of the immense deposits of iron ore in the Ungava district have also been given to Quebec under the 1927 decision of the Privy Council of Great Britain. We are entitled to our share in this great wealth as a Province in this Federation which we were foolish enough to join. We have never received one cent that could be considered recompense for these enormous grants to other provinces, and now when Ottawa seems inclined to lend an ear to our belated demand for consideration in the matter of communication we and our blessed legislators with a few exceptions and some of these inimical, remain dumb. It has been suggested that this indifference to the accomplishment of this vital project and in two cases at least opposition to it derives from anger at being scooped by Mr. Neil Matheson. Drive it home, launch his suggestion, without previous consultation with his colleagues. We do not give credence to this. No Islander worth the name, let alone our trusted representatives, could be so petty as to let such a childish emotion sway him. To use a big word which you can hunt up in the dictionary as we did, and which we use in order to avoid the insult of plainer synonyms, political tergiversation is responsible. We wish to say here that our Premier the Hon. Alexander Matheson, has our hearty approbation as that of most good Islanders for his efforts in support of this project and for endorsing Mr. Neil Matheson earnestly.

Our insularity, emphasized daily by delayed communication with the mainland is largely responsible for our alarming decrease in population over the past fifty years, in contrast to large increases in every other province in Canada. When we get this causeway, practically an isthmus,—we become an integral part of the mainland and share in its prosperity. Canada is the brightest prospect, and has the greatest potential, on the world horizon. She has suffered little if any exploitation. We are needed vitally, in the problems of the British Empire. The West-

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## The Age Old Story

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none like me.

ern provinces have oil, natural gas and coal; Ontario has nickel, gold and iron mines; Quebec has mineral wealth untold; and the other two Maritime provinces, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, have mineral prospects, coal, large forests, and a rapidly growing tourist trade. We Islanders have a lot of unfulfilled promises, a decreasing population, no comprehensive agricultural policy, few beaches in North America, and unless something radical is done soon, a dim prospect indeed for posterity.

We have pastoral beauty, sea and stream fishing, hospitable people, all of which are attractive to tourists; but most tourists, with the exception of relatives, when they arrive at Tormentine, and see the Ferry pulling out from the pier, refuse to wait, turn around and explore the rest of the Maritimes. We have seen this repeated time after time.

Holy Writ says, "where there is no vision the people perish." The vision of our local legislators seems to be limited to increasing their stipend, already in excess of their value to their constituencies. This selfishness destroyed ancient civilizations. We cannot recall any contemporary parallel to this bold appropriation of public funds, and we hesitate to associate our smiling legislators with the noble Roman, the wily Greek, and the crafty Persian, all iniquitous; yet their persistence is comparable. We hope that as a redemptive process these same legislators will attempt to earn at least some of their large stipend, by working strenuously, openly, and unreservedly for the causeway. If not, then awakened and alarmed constituents will, we are sure, express their regrets at the polls.

We trust that many Islanders will promptly take advantage of these columns devoted to matters of public interest, and for space in which we here gratefully tender our thanks, in support of this project, which we believe will insure our continuance as a Province, an integral part of a great and growing

country, important and impressive in world affairs. Prince Edward should and may be an island of content, pastoral and peaceful. Our waste lands may resume their task of crop growing, assured by better communication, of fair competition. Our children may remain on the soil instead of emigrating. Fostered by continuous communication, factories may operate and keep our labor element satisfactorily employed at home. This is a good place to live under proper conditions. We have liberty of conscience, freedom of worship, and no political fears. We desperately need the Causeway, so that these intangibles may be enjoyed by our posterity of the future, ourselves of today, our immigrants instead of emigrants of tomorrow.

I am, Sir, etc.,  
C. C. PRATT,  
St. Peters.

## Railroad Trains of 1975

Illinois Central Magazine

An astonishing view of what it may be like to work on the railroad in 1975, is contained in a United States Chamber of Commerce film "People, Products and Progress in 1975". The film gives a preview of what life in America may be like in 1975.

Among descriptions of atomic-powered automobiles, chemical heating units that cook foods right in their packages, automatic "eyes" that close windows when it rains, "thin" TV sets that hang on the wall like pictures...the film depicts some of the startling changes that may occur in the railroad industry.

The railroad industry, faced with the challenge of the most travelling public in the world, will have provided several new types of articulated passenger trains, characterized by lighter weight plus an ability to negotiate curves at greater speeds. Some of these trains may be pulled by atomic-powered locomotives. The Atomic Energy Commission already has approved the proposal of at least one railroad company to explore this possibility.

Inside the new trains will be floating chairs, hideaway tables and adjustable partitions to create a semi-private compartment for your own party. Hidden conveyor tubes will bring food and drinks...and conveyor aisles may help passengers go from one car to another.

The commuter train of the future...

## The Poet's Corner

ON FIRST LOOKING INTO "They're very dusty," the librarian said. These massive Eighteenth Century souvenirs. Work of "a harmless drudge" whose bench and bed were snowed with paper slips for seven years. In patience, word by word he had unstrung This English, where "corruption and caprice" Had dulled the "wild exuberance" of our tongue. He kept and polished each authentic piece.

"Finished, but not completed" was the task. "All other authors may aspire to praise: The most the lexicographer can ask is to escape reproach"—his rueful phrase. Dusty the books, where Time saw fit to fling them. Shining the words, whenever we resting them.

—Betty Bridgman in the Christian Science Monitor.

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## Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

**MAYBE YOU EAT TOO MUCH**  
Maybe you don't need quite as much food value as some doctors seem to think. Climate and work-saving devices may be reducing the food needs of many Americans. At least this appears to be the case in Texas. Dr. Florence I. Scouler, dean of the School of Home Economics of the North Texas State College at Denton, studied the caloric values of the diets of 61 young women living in the school's Home Management House. She found the average number of calories consumed each day by each girl amounted to 1,961. Average age of the women was 19.6 years.

**CALORIC VALUES**  
Now this daily caloric average is considerably under that recommended by the National Research Council. For girls in the 16 to 20 year age bracket the Council recommends a daily allowance of 2,400 calories. For 25-year-old women it is 2,300.

The 61 girls taking part in the study were not trying to lose weight nor were they trying to gain it. The girls selected their own diets. Such items as fluid milk, sugar as such in beverages, and candy and carbonated beverages, were permitted whenever desired.

All of the girls had some fluid milk during the five-day study. And only three of them had no carbonated beverages or sugar during the study. While the total daily caloric intake, including composite foods, milk, sugar and beverages, ranged from 1,534 to 3,000 calories, the average was under 2,000.

**HEAVIER AND TALLER**  
In general, the girls were heavier and taller than the National Research Council averages. Yet they consumed fewer calories. Dr. Scouler says the study: "Suggests that Texas climate and labor-saving devices have lessened the caloric requirement of these young college women."

Since the fuel needs of many of us should be re-evaluated in the light of more extensive use of labor-saving devices, shorter working hours and more leisure time.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER**  
S.M.: Can a person have amebic infection of the liver?  
Answer: Yes. This is a very serious complication of amebic dysentery. The ameba often travels from the blood stream to the liver and may form large abscesses which may even penetrate into the chest cavity.

**OUR YESTERDAYS**  
From The Guardian Files  
**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
(June 26, 1931)  
An enjoyable entertainment was given under the auspices of the Charlottetown Hospital School of Nursing in the Rochford Assembly Hall last evening in honor of the graduation of five nurses of the institution.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
(June 26, 1946)  
Dr. Manuel A. Tamargo, representing the Cuban Ministry of Agriculture, was a visitor to the Province over the weekend. The purpose of his visit was to confer with potato shippers interested in the Cuban trade, and with the Seed Potato Certification Service.

The French corvette "Labelle" is expected in Charlottetown this morning. It is understood the warship will remain in port for three or four days.

Lieut. Keith Cook, R.C.N. (R), Saskatoon, has been appointed naval officer in charge of the Island Division Sea Cadets camp to be held at Pownal Bay from July 14-27th.

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## NOTES BY THE WAY

A woman at Crowes Landing, 35 miles north of Peterborough, had to kill 28 snakes with a club to reach her mailbox. Let's hope the mail was not just another bunch of bills and circulars.—Ottawa Citizen

A wild goose was sucked into one of the fins of a jet bomber in Australia and a big aircraft was forced to land. A modern version of a wild goose chase.—Fort William "mes-Journal"

A mallard duck is nesting in a tree on the farm of Mike Sturby, north of Fort. The duck has taken over an abandoned crow's nest for her maternal duties. The wood duck, a species not usually seen in this district, habitually nests in trees, but it is very rare when a mallard decides to do the same thing.—Boston Man., Recorder

Dictatorships are dangerous primarily because the dictators themselves are usually mad: megalomaniacs, paranoiacs, call it what you will, the element is usually there which makes both their ends and their means in calculable, which in moments of crisis, even of personal hurt, makes them act as no reasonable person would act.—London Spectator

The thing that most people can't understand is that "cats are probably basically more like human beings (with the nasty human proclivities missing) than any other animals. They can't stand to be left out of things, don't like doors closed against them, insist upon being treated as dignified individuals members of the family, and are capable of a great deal of affection themselves with no loss of their essential dignity and self-respect.—Kingston-Whig Standard

One of the tragic vaxozes of our times is the production of ever more powerful automobiles capable of going 100 miles an hour or more, and the payment out of public funds of policemen to make sure that the cars do not travel more than 50 or 60 miles an hour. Caught in the ironic conflict are the thousands who are killed or maimed each year in highway accidents which are the direct result of speeding.—Financial Post

We now realize why the Tea Commandments are so brief and clear. They were handed down direct without being kicked around by several committees.—Sarnia Observer

Balanced budgets somehow bring to mind the oldtime, who used to have saved \$800 by not being shaved for 30 years. But he did not have the \$800.—Oshawa Times

Rock and roll music has been banished from a Texas auditorium. Is it that musical taste has improved, or are the girders showing strain?—Edmonton Journal

Lieutenant-General Guy G. Simonds wants to put 16-year-old Canadian boys in youth camps. Both Hitler and Mussolini did that, and look what happened to them.—Windsor Star

Why is it that, even the most patriotic of us will assume that when the U.S.S.R. does something it's diabolically clever and when the West makes a move it's unbelievably stupid.—Hamilton Spectator

"Be brief" — that's what young reporters are often advised by over-worked editors; so it is no wonder that the lad who at school penned the following terse "bit about Elisha was snapped up by the first editor he approached when he searched for a job: "There was a man named Elisha. He had some bears and lived in a cage. Some boys tormented him. He said: "If you keep on throwing stones at me, I'll turn the bears loose and they'll eat you up!" And they did and he did and the bears did.—Strathroy Age-Dispatch

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