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The Big Blow

This year will undoubtedly be remembered in the Maritime Provinces as the year of the hurricane. Prince Edward Islanders certainly cannot recall anything exceeding the week-end storm in intensity and duration.

Still to be learned, of course, is the extent of the damage to the lobster fisheries in the Gulf. It can be presumed, unfortunately, that it is nothing short of disastrous.

Judging from reports from other parts of the Maritimes we were comparatively fortunate in escaping the intensity of the storm. More to be regretted than any material damage, however, was the highway fatality which resulted.

Population And Business

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports a sharp drop in the marriage rate in July—a continuation of a decline that began in April of this year.

It's important, however, says the Post, not to overestimate the effects of this population trend on business. For one thing, the birth rate is still buoyant, and as any parent knows, a new baby is a powerful stimulant to consumption.

Advertising Pays

The 1954 report of the operation of the Combines Investigation Act, indicates that those officials charged with the carrying out of the Act are fulfilling their duties as guardians of the public interest in a creditable manner.

One case in the latter category, notes the Winnipeg Free Press, is of general interest because of the conclusions of the investigators as to the part which advertising plays today in merchandising.

ated a large number of his wholesale accounts. The wholesalers complained that some of the manufacturer's products were so much in demand by consumers that a wholesaler virtually could not carry on business without them.

In his defence, the manufacturer explained that the reduction in his wholesale accounts was dictated partly by the expansion of his own direct distribution services, partly by the fact he was encouraging certain picked wholesalers to install improved refrigeration facilities.

However, the inquiry revealed that far from having a monopoly in his field, the manufacturer had potential competition from many substitute products. Despite the lower consumer preference for these, compared with what the manufacturer had achieved through national advertising, the investigators concluded that the manufacturer did not occupy a monopoly position.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Battle of Britain Week.

A Canadian is now president of the British Association. Sir Robert Robinson, winner of the Nobel Prize for chemistry in 1947, was recently elected President for 1955 at its 116th annual meeting at Oxford.

A Summerside reader draws our attention to the fact that the Hon. Henry Hicks was not the first Canadian to be coxswain of the Oxford crew in the university boat race.

The world has seen the last of battle-waggon standing up to each other and blasting away, according to Vice-Admiral F. T. Mason, now visiting this country.

The way has been made easier for British immigrants to Canada by a new order announced by the Treasury. The Canada Review, London, reports that Britons may now bring out £1,000 plus £250 for each dependent, that is the amount formerly available in four annual installments.

James Wolfe, English soldier, captor of Quebec, died this date 1759. He joined the army at the age of 14 and was in battle at 16. He took part in crushing the rebellion of the Young Pretender in 1745.

Britain continued to buy impressive amounts of Canadian products in the first seven months of this year though the overall U. K. imports from Canada were lower than for the same period last year.

A new type of plane chosen to replace one of the Vikings at present comprising the Queen's Flight is a four-engine De Havilland Heron. The British Air Ministry says it is likely that the plane will be used by the Duke of Edinburgh.



Hurricanes and History

By Heath Macquarrie

Last week a hurricane smashed through New England, destroying an old Boston landmark, and erasing an honored reminder of the city's proud days of leadership in the revolution which launched the American people on the course of nationhood.

The slender white spire of Old North Church, topped into Salem Street by hurricane Carol, made history by its unique service to the colonial cause when the revolution was in its infancy.

This two-century-old structure with its lofty pulpit topped by the sounding board, its boxed-in pews and the stern simplicity of its colonial decor, is high on the priority list of visitors to the tradition-rich capital of the old state of Massachusetts.

As Macaulay might say, every American school-boy knows about that famous midnight ride of Paul Revere, although not so many know that Rufus Davies was also galloping through the night on a similar mission.

Lexington was a mere skirmish, unworthy of mention in military manuals; but it did change the course of history. Although Burke and Chatham in London could not convince their countrymen of their blindness, the backwoodsman of Lexington did, in the end, convince the British that old ideas of empire must pass away.

Paul Revere did more than the work of a secret service man and a hard-driving courier; he held important military positions during the war, and was prominent in civic life after the peace.

Massachusetts State House by virtue of his office as Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge. His house, the oldest building in Boston, is still preserved in North Square.

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Old Charlottetown

From The Examiner, Aug. 26, 1882:

The Roman Catholics belonging to Covehead Road are erecting a good substantial fence around their beautiful little sanctuary and clearing up the burying ground.

A new fence has been erected around St. Paul's Church. This will much improve the appearance of the grounds. Would it not be well for our city fathers to follow suit and put a respectable fence around Queen Square?

The Dominion Government has appropriated \$5,000 this year for the improvement of Cascumpec harbour, the object being to make it a harbour of refuge for vessels of twenty-foot draught.

The Age Old Story

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

GENERAL ARRIVES QUIETLY PARIS (Reuters)—Gen. Christian de Castries, commander of the Dien Bien Phu garrison, arrived here by air Friday from Indochina.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

POTATO BOARD QUESTION

Sir,—I heard a rumor that the Government is considering holding a plebiscite in connection with the Potato Board. I wonder what they want to know? It is a fact that everytime this question has been put to the farmers they voted in favour of it.

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"PROGRESSIVE" SCHOOLING

Sir,—Scarcely had our city schools lifted the starting gate for another academic sprint when already a columnist was putting in a few "plugs" for progressivism in her weekly instalment to The Guardian.

Competition in education has existed from time immemorial, and it has never excluded co-operation. Asking "Shall it be competition or co-operation?" is like asking: is it colder in Siberia than in the winter? To argue that the competitive system predisposes a child to ruffianism as exemplified in "Johnny grabbing and keeping Tommy's rattle" is just as illogical as to contend that success in the ring would prompt a pugilist to box his way into a baseball game or a horse race.

In "the best of modern schools" where competition is outlawed, we find the pupils engaged in unintellectual pursuits as puppet shows, building a market, donkey, and grooming a monkey. Strict discipline in the classroom does not automatically insure good behavior in other places.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Alberta glassmakers depend on natural gas. Down here it's natural gas. —Windsor Star. A heated argument can certainly cool the atmosphere in a hurry. —Brantford Sun.

Church is one place where people still get best value for their nickel. —Sudbury Daily Star. Notice how the blackbirds have started ganging up on city laws?—come to town to kick up and raise a row.—Moose Jaw Times-Herald.

Still, most any child will grasp at a straw—if you stick it in a bottle of pop. —Stratford Beacon-Herald. It's getting to be quite a problem, for the man who wants to marry, to find a girl who will help him with the dishes.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Kipling warned us to beware of the bear that walks like a man. Even more dangerous is the one that coos like a dove. —Edmonton Journal. And now we notice that a good grape crop is in the offing. But it will be some time yet, and will not dampen our appetite for peaches.—St. Catharines Standard.

A supreme court judge says everyone should be his own censor of what he reads. But how many people have that much confidence in their own judgment? —Oshawa Times-Gazette. George Bernard Shaw left \$600,000 for a movement to simplify the English language. Now his executors can't puzzle out the meaning of the English in which Shaw himself wrote the will.—Chatham Daily News.

A Harvard professor has urged that fat persons take up waiting to reduce. In view of the lack of will power displayed by some overweight friends of ours it will probably be the Minute Waltz.—Hamilton Spectator. If—we restrict British woolen sales, then we automatically restrict what British can buy from us—Canadian wheat, metals, lumber and fish. One thing we cannot afford is a further reduction in our sales to Britain.—Toronto Star.

One admires the steadfast behaviour of Denis Massey, 42-year-old British farmer who, after winning \$75,000 and receiving hundreds of marriage proposals, defiantly states: "The girls didn't want me before and they ain't going to get me now." —Hamilton Spectator. Simple toys for a child are said by a psychologist to be best. A little girl, for example, gets just as much satisfaction hitting her brothers with a plain board as with the most expensive baseball bat. —Hamilton Spectator.

Friends of the prospective bridegroom among the Madri people of central Africa give him many presents to help defray the expenses of buying his bride from her father. After that, apparently, when expenses really start and never stop, he is on his own. —Kitchener-Waterloo Record. The assumption that people were much tougher in the "good old days" than they are today is in error. Few parents of that era could have survived a 500-mile automobile trip to a vacation resort with three brats on the rear seat. —Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

One of the greater assets a Summer resort beach has are the seagulls who keep the beach free from garbage that the thoughtless camper leaves strewn over the sand. Therefore beach-goers should do everything possible to protect these very useful scavengers and, generally, they do. These birds provide the beach with the easiest and cheapest means of keeping the sand beach clean. People who attempt to slaughter them will hurt the resort because tourists do not choose to camp or swim in a garbage-strewn beach. —Owen Sound Sun-Times.

We live in a beautifully mechanized world. Science bombards us with new and ingenious gadgetry, with machines unrestrained to save time and labor. What do we do then? Instead of reveling in multipiled hours of rewarding leisure our lives become bored, frustrated and dissatisfied. We become absent-minded and careless. The results range from traffic and industrial accidents to divorce cases. —Kingsville Reporter.

Recently the U. S. Supreme Court brought down a decision in connection with the segregation of colored and white citizens that was hailed an important advance toward the ultimate abolition of racial discrimination. It was fitting then that the court thus should have set another precedent. A Negro youngster was named a page boy to the court his duties to start next October. He will be the first of his race to be so honored.—Fort William Times-Journal.

We hear and read at times that the \$300,000,000 it will cost to carry the Trans-Canada gas pipeline east to Toronto and Montreal is "a lot of money." It is. But when we put it over against the \$600,000,000 in gas, oil and other products which will come out of the 25 square mile gas cap at Pincher Creek it doesn't sound half so big. Six hundred million dollars is the experts estimate of the recoverable products from the Pincher field, two and one-half miles under the earth's surface. It would seem we have to think big as Canada finds its seven-league industrial boots. —Lethbridge Herald.

merican churchman said in a public address: "So-called progressive schooling is based on a philosophy of education which turns aside from the heritage of the ages, the wells of our liberties, the trials and triumphs of the race, the wisdom of the centuries, and centers its gaze of the tumultuous whim of the moment."

"Here is a philosophy which presumes to provide intelligent leadership without arduous training of the mental processes, which presumes to give strength of character without rigorous discipline of every urgent appetite and emotion, an education without God, without soul, without immortality—every strain of it crudely materialistic—an education which if its inroads are not checked will surely reap the whirlwind."

New York City is "reaping the whirlwind" in the form of its teenage—"murder-for-fun" gangs. I am, Sir, etc., W. J. ENRIGHT

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