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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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Festive Week

Charlottetown's Festive Week begins today and citizens and visitors are in for a week of sports and merrymaking which should lighten the hearts of all.

The timing of Festive Week seems to be ideal. Summer is fully upon us but is still enough of a novelty for people to thoroughly enjoy the experience of warm days and nights and to be in a mood to participate in all the festive activity.

There is something of value in such a festival in addition to the enjoyment which individuals get out of it. Having these community activities fosters the feeling of "belonging" and of unity.

School Closing

This week has seen the closing of many schools throughout the Province although some will have to continue for a while to complete their 200 days of the school year.

After the first burst of enthusiasm over their freedom many will no doubt begin to wonder what to do with their time and mothers will very soon share in that problem.

Teachers probably enjoy the break even more than their pupils, even those who will be attending Summer School starting July 6 and, for a time, will be assuming the role of students.

One trend today is particularly satisfactory. A few years ago almost every school started looking for a new teacher at the end of the term.

Bewildering Balances

Since the end of World War II, Canada has experienced an almost bewildering variety of balances and counterbalances in her commercial and financial transactions with the rest of the world.

"The most important single factor in the balance of international payments last year was the marked net improvement of \$637 millions in the merchandise trade balance, from a deficit of \$147 millions in 1951 to a surplus in 1952 of \$490 millions

—the largest increase from one year to another since Confederation." An increase of this size is the more remarkable, the B of M points out, "in that it occurred at a time when domestic activity was proceeding up substantially over previous years."

Under such conditions, the review states, Canada often experiences a deficit in her trade balance due to a high level of domestic demand for a wide variety of imported goods and services.

Important School Meetings

Attention is called to the importance of the annual school meetings which will be held throughout the rural sections of the Province on Tuesday, June 30.

Among the several duties of the voters at annual school meetings, three are of outstanding significance. These are the election of trustees who will realize their full responsibilities, the provision of sufficient funds to ensure that the school and its surroundings will be clean, comfortable and reasonably well equipped, and the provision of adequate supplement to enable the trustees to secure or retain the services of competent teachers.

Emphasis is placed on the fact that the payment of teachers' supplements should be made promptly, as the Government salary cannot be paid in full until the return shows the amount paid by the district.

By addition to previous legislation with respect to women voting, the wife of any ratepayer eligible to vote at any school meeting, as well as the husband of any woman similarly qualified, is equally entitled to a vote.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, 4th Sunday after Trinity, 5th after Pentecost.

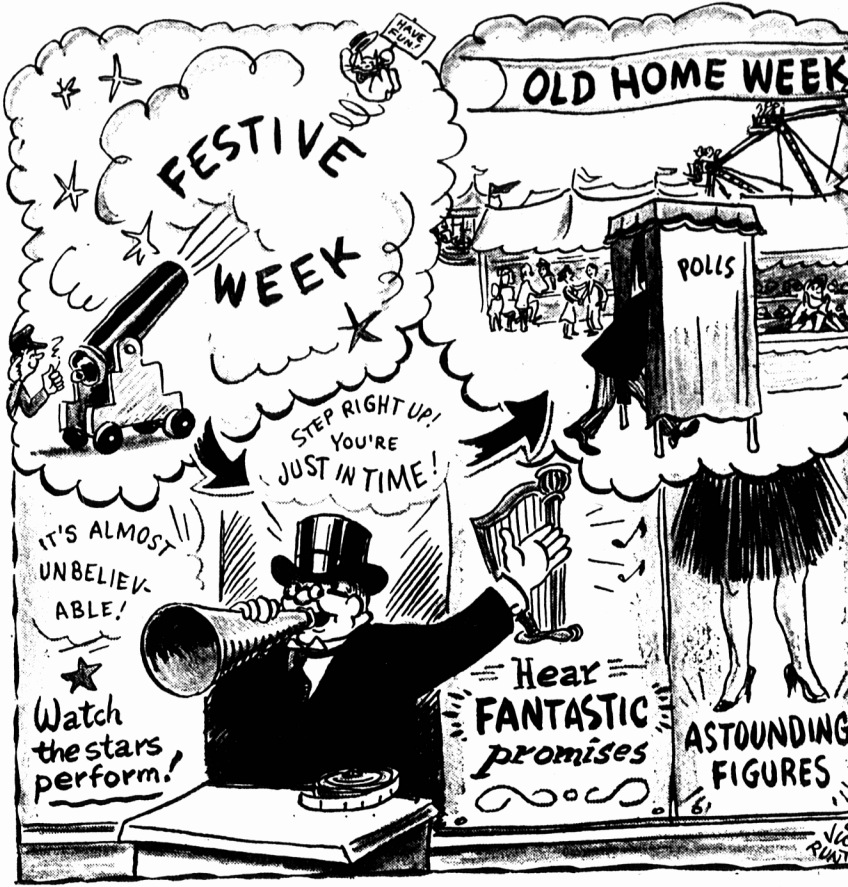
Summerside is gaining in safety by trimming hedges at intersections. The owners are to be congratulated on placing the safety of life and limb above considerations of what they otherwise wanted to do with their property.

The review of the fleets off Spithead by Her Majesty was not merely an impressive show. As pointed out by Rear Admiral Roger Bidwell who commanded the squadron, the expedition was of inestimable value in teaching our naval men how to work with warships of other nations.

John Laird Mair Lawrence, first Baron, viceroy and governor-general of India, died this date 1879. A Yorkshireman, he entered the Indian civil service in 1829, having a post near Delhi. On hearing the news of the mutiny he raised a new army of 59,000 men and after a siege of three months captured Delhi.

The 35th and final list has been published by the American College of Surgeons showing the hospitals coming up to the high standards of that body. The list has also been adopted as its first by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals which will be publishing it in future.

Entertainment All The Way



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.

"A COUNTRY GARDEN"

Sir.—The Guardian has its special "Poet's Corner" wherein we can spend a few moments with the seasonal poets while sipping our breakfast coffee.

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STATE MEDICINE

Sir.—The doctors don't like state medicine and I don't blame them. The doctor is an autocrat. He has to be. When he goes into a sick room he takes charge.

The Age Old Story

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil; whoever doeth not right, his counsellors are not of God.

ON RELEASING A CAPTIVE BIRD

Let the wing forget, I free you now, Restless pacer of the narrow cell. May you recall the intricate howl Of weathering storms — remember well.

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