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A Great Man Passes

Prince Edward Island lost one of its greatest citizens in the passing on Saturday of the Rt. Rev. Alexander Andrew MacAulay, beloved former pastor at St. Peter's and oldest priest in the Roman Catholic diocese of Charlottetown. Monsignor MacAulay's name was a household word throughout the Province, both for learning and piety. Gaelic was his mother tongue, but he was highly skilled also in Greek and Hebrew as well as in Latin and English; and with all his learned attainments he remained the simple, devout and cheerful servant of his Master which he had been from early youth.

Those who were privileged to know him intimately testify to his warm human traits no less than to his abounding zeal and earnestness. Such men's lives are of incalculable value to the community, not only among those of their own faith where their influence is of course more directly felt, but with all classes and creeds.

Monsignor MacAulay had reached the patriarchal age of eighty-eight, and was himself the product of a pioneer stock which has given many outstanding citizens to this country. That fact is significant. His death is a reminder of how greatly we are indebted to the calibre of our early settlers, from whose God-fearing homes such men of light and learning spring, as inevitably as a tree brings forth its proper fruit in season.

"Miss P. E. I." Crowned

Heartiest congratulations are due to Miss Donald MacLeod, of Victoria, who made a charming queen of Charlottetown's first Festive Week and whose coronation by His Honour Lieutenant Governor Prowse was one of the most interesting features of the entire programme. The judges had a difficult, if enviable, task, among so many beautiful and gifted contenders, all of whom are deserving of praise.

The ancient Greeks had a myth about the hazards involved in awarding a prize for beauty. Paris, son of King Priam of Troy, was called upon to award a golden apple to the fairest of the goddesses. His choice fell upon Aphrodite, whereupon there resulted many calamities, including the Trojan War and the death of Paris himself from a poisoned arrow.

Saturday's ceremony, fortunately, will invite no such injurious consequences. It was a delightful affair and the ovation tendered "Miss P.E.I." and her attendant princesses will leave nothing but pleasant memories with all who participated.

Junior Farmers On Tour

One of the most active organizations in the Province is our Junior Farmers Federation, which provides a splendid training school for future leaders in agriculture and rural community development, and which has made phenomenal strides since its formation a few years ago. We appear to have taken the lead in this movement in Eastern Canada. In Nova Scotia, however, a good start has been made, and it was with a view to seeing how the organization is shaping up there that a large group of our Junior Federation members—thirty-five in all—made a tour last week of the Pictou and Truro farming areas. This was the first tour of its kind to be made by our junior farmers, and the results were highly satisfactory. They were very hospitably entertained, and saw a great deal of interest and value to them in the course of their trip.

There is no reason why tours of this kind could not be made a regular feature of the summer season. Senior farm organizations from the neighboring Provinces occasionally visit us in this way, but the educational value of such trips is particularly important to our younger farmers. They are at the age when they can derive the most profit from new experiences, and we have no doubt too that after seeing the best that other farming communities can offer, they will return more than ever convinced of the possibilities of development right here in Prince Edward Island.

In his inspiring address before the Provincial Federation of Agriculture last week, Mr. Leo McIsaac stressed the need of a new approach to farming problems, including a centralized marketing programme for all the Atlantic Provinces, and

larger units of administration within the Federation itself. This broader outlook should appeal particularly to our younger farmers. They have had the benefit of early training in co-operative activities, and have the opportunity now of pooling their experiences and co-ordinating their efforts in a way that would have been impossible of attainment a few years ago. No better start could be made in this direction than by frequent interchange of visits between groups of wide-awake junior farmers in all parts of the Maritimes.

Small Airports

In an air-minded age this Province is probably more aware of the advantages of air travel than any other part of Canada, except the Northwest Territories. Circuitous routes and water barriers mean nothing to the traveller by air and the lack of fast and frequent rail and road services emphasizes the advantage of making use of aircraft.

The opening of Tween Rivers Airport at Red Point is an important advance in communications but more important is the spirit behind the venture which will not rest until our people enjoy the greatest possible advantages of the air age in which we live.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A new week and still Festive.

Our farmers are becoming convinced there may be worse trouble than an over-production of spuds.

What the teenagers probably miss following Festive Week is the street dancing which was so notable a feature.

It sounds good to hear that the British meat ration will be doubled, but less so that the increase will be about ten cents worth per week.

The banning of Soviet furs by the U. S. A. is not going to affect our market to any extent. It is largely retaliation for Russia stopping shipment of strategic manganese since December.

Now that Festive Week is over, the spotlight shifts to the Women's Institutes, whose convention opens tomorrow in Charlottetown and will be followed with great interest by all our citizens.

The Canadian naval exercises in the Mediterranean are said to have no particular significance but they do indicate that we are developing a naval arm capable of operating anywhere.

There are signs that the fantastically high price of wool will not continue to rise and may even come down a bit. The industry itself probably favours the change as being healthier in the long run.

Mrs. Ann Radcliffe, English novelist, was born this date 1764 in London. Her works show a command of thrilling narrative and rare descriptive power. Her highest achievement was probably "The Mysteries of Udolpho."

The Banks evidently have joined the Labour unions and Government bureaucracies in demanding a five-day week. The age-old Divine command, six days shalt thou labour is evidently going by the board together with many others on which Christian morale was based.

Alas, another memento of the two Great Wars has gone by the board. In London, so the travelling public will feel "less like a lot of sheep", the nationalized British railways have decided to abandon the word "queue." In future notice boards saying "queue here for Bournemouth" will read "assemble here for Bournemouth."

The president of the Dairy Farmers of Canada puts the wrong emphasis in his admirable suggestion that care be taken in the selection of representatives in the House of Commons. Rather than insisting on one profession, such as farming, the various parties must see to it that their candidates, if elected, would be thoroughly capable of assuming the Cabinet posts to which this Province is entitled.

Frederick Marryat, English novelist, was born this date 1792. He served as a boy in the Royal Navy until invalided from the Walcheren expedition. He later took part in the war in Burma, until settling at Hammersmith, where he took to literature. Captain Marryat's best remembered books are "The King's Own" and "Midshipman Easy." Of greater interest locally, however, is "Frank Mildmay, or the Naval Officer", published 1829, in which the author describes his own experience in visiting Bay Fortune, P. E. I. in H. M. Frigate "Aeolus"

The Poet's Corner

BIRD

A bird came down the walk, He did not know I saw; He bit an angle-worm in halves And ate the fellow, raw.

And then he drank a dew From a convenient grass, And then he hopped sideways to the wall To let a beetle pass.

He glanced with rapid eyes That hurried all abroad; They looked like frightened beads, I thought; He stirred his velvet head

Like one in danger; cautious I offered him a crumb, And he unrolled his feathers And rowed him softer home

Than ours divide the ocean, Too silver for a seam, Or butterflies, off banks at noon, Leap, flashless, as they swim.

—Emily Dickinson.

Out Of Cape Breton

(Montreal Gazette) This is an anniversary year receiving some attention from descendants of the Scottish pioneers in the Maritimes, a stalwart race whose influence has been important in the growth of Canada. But this occasion recalls not the coming of new settlers to Canada but the departure of a strong contingent for the Antipodes.

The story of 1851, it can be said, reflects the stubborn, adventurous spirit of the people who cut their homes from the forest and even at this late date we can spare a moment of regret that they would not remain in this country.

Norman McLeod, a Presbyterian minister who had broken away from the Church of Scotland, came to Cape Breton in 1817 and found a ready reception for the hard doctrine he preached. He was outspoken, dogmatic and his flock was well pleased.

From a son Mr. McLeod heard of the potentialities of Australia and persuaded his supporters they should go there. With single-hearted zeal they built five ships and reconditioned a sixth. The five ships were their own work, from the selection of the trees in the forest to the masts and sails. They provided their own captains and crews — and schoolmasters who conducted classes during the voyage.

The minister made a trip into the gold-rush settlement of Melbourne when they arrived in Australia and promptly decided this was no place for God-fearing people. On they sailed to New Zealand, where their descendants remain to this day.

The whole affair rates no more than a line or two in the history of Canada and yet it is a fine symbol of the spirit of the old country. Cooperation with each other, disregard of inconvenience or danger, a willingness to work hard and put ingenuity to use made the pioneers formidable indeed. We might well ponder what Canada would be like today if many others had felt they should seek greener pastures; we must recognize that if they had decided to move on, nothing, not even age or poverty or distance, would have stopped them being on their way.

Thus it has come about that the Scot was the same sort of fellow, whether set down in Glasgow or Edinburgh or London, in the South Seas or the Northern wilderness, whether building a railroad or running a bank or minding the engines of a cargo ship. The unchanging and unchanging Scot was one of the solid things on which our social system was based. Here at least was something we could count on.

But a Senator speaking in his place has shattered that assurance — Scots who went into the Hudson's Bay posts and married pure-blooded Indian women produced, he says, large families of Scots of "an improved type." And that is something for Scots to discuss over the haggis and the bagpipes—the proposition that a Scot who is half Indian is a better Scot than the Scot who is all Scot.

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Souvenirs For Moscow

(Lethbridge Herald) A few weeks ago 15 minor Soviet delegates to the United Nations sailed for home. A news dispatch from New York noted that they were forced to leave behind them 17 crates of U.S.-made television sets, washing machines and refrigerators because stubborn longshoremen refused to load the purchases aboard the ship. This action on the part of the longshoremen did not improve American-Russian relations, but it certainly must have convinced the Soviet delegates of their stupidity in buying the U.S.-made luxury goods and thus proving that there are at least a few things about capitalistic life they enjoy.

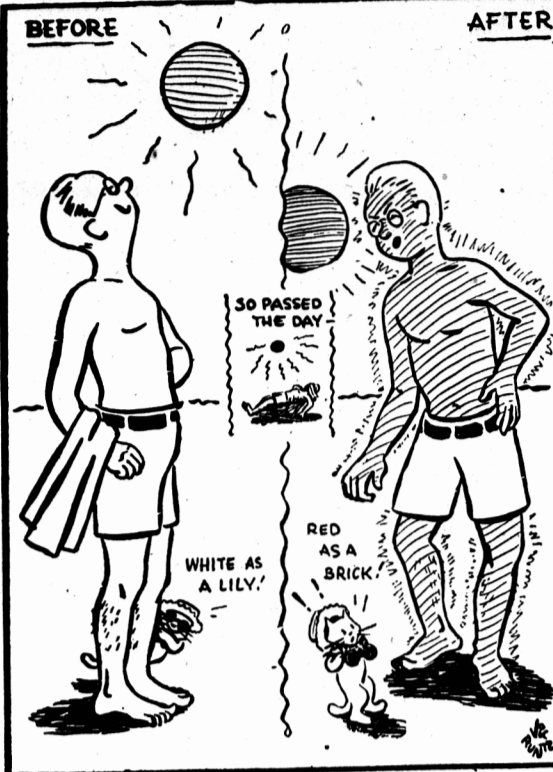
The New York Times, when it heard of the Russians' attempt to take with them 17 crates of luxuries, made this pungent comment:

Of all the abundant evidence of Soviet hypocrisy in international relations none is more vivid than the seventeen crates of television sets, refrigerators and washing machines assembled on Pier 60 when Soviet delegates to the United Nations and members of the Soviet Embassy staff sailed for home on Tuesday. How many numberless times the Russian purchasers of those goods must have delivered or helped prepare denunciations of the American standard of living and American "concentration on war production." How many numbered times must they have extolled the superiority of the Soviet way of life to our own. Yet when they prepared to depart for their native "paradise" they took care to stock up on these goods because they knew full well that television sets, refrigerators and washing machines are either unobtainable there or obtainable only at fantastically high prices. Like Shostakovitch who stocked up on American cigarettes, and Gubichev, who bought a television set here, these gentlemen, by their purchases, give the most eloquent testimony of the lies which are the chief stock in trade of Soviet propaganda.

Those of us in Canada who may have been occasionally fooled by the outpourings of the Russian propaganda machine should remember this story of the 15 Russians who were enough enamored of American life to buy thousands of dollars worth of luxuries to take home with them.

LONDON, July 8 —(AP)—Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, United States Air Force chief of staff, said Saturday that despite hopes of a Korean armistice, there is need to watch the continued build-up of Communist air strength in Manchuria.

One Can Over-Cook



A Theory No Scot Will Accept

(Ottawa Journal) We see by the Senate Hansard that one of the honorable gentlemen of the Upper House has been talking about "an improved" type of Scotsman developed in Northern Canada. The extraordinary part of the incident is that no Scot within hearing jumped to his feet to correct so audacious a pronouncement.

It is the theory of all Scots, of course, that the style and pattern of the hardy race were set centuries ago, conditioned by the stern Highlands, and our countryside, the necessity of subduing one way or another those annoying English the other side of the border.

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Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) NEWS PAPER ITEMS From The Daily Examiner, July 12, 1951: It being decided by the City Council that a practical civil engineer was needed for the purpose of planning and superintending improvements in connection with the streets, squares and parks of the city, Mr. Patrick D. Cox was duly appointed to this office, at the rate of not more than \$500 per annum. The Council also authorized the Fire Department to purchase a new steam fire engine.

Mr. J. L. Holman, proprietor, announces that the new Island Park Hotel, with accommodation for about 150 guests, is now open. "Picturesquely situated on an island one hundred and forty acres in extent, in the Bedque Bay, directly opposite the rising town of Summerside, it combines the retirement ensured by the insular position of its surroundings with equal convenience to a position in the town." Terms weekly: July \$10.50; August \$12.00; September \$9.00.

Regret is expressed that Dr. Jenkins' horse, "Royal Harry", is to leave in the Fall for Portland, Maine. "The country will miss him, as no such horse can be imported." Note is taken of some large potatoes grown by Edward Henry, Esq., of New London, of the new and prolific variety known as Early Surprise. Mr. Patrick Phelan announces that he has opened an Hotel in the flourishing town at Mount Stewart. "Captain Conroy's side challenges Captain Davies" to play a return match of Lacrosse, at the Victoria Park, on Saturday evening next.

Readers are advised that "a few days ago Councillor Quirk was surprised in his store by the entrance of a half-intoxicated tramp, who feebly proposed to take possession of the premises. And on Friday night Judge Allev was disturbed by vagabond tramps who were prowling round his house seeking an entrance. Verily, we are coming to a pretty pass. The police force must be augmented, and a performance of duty enforced."

Not Canadians Yet

(St. John's (Nfld.) News) We appreciate things like the removal of customs and immigration barriers and the comforting effects it has had on travel, even if it has often tended to lure young Newfoundlanders out of their province and into a mainland metropolis; we appreciate the social welfare benefits we receive from the Dominion Government; when the occasion arises, as it did when Western wheat farmers received a \$65,000,000 subsidy while the island was crying for floor price for salt codfish, we have taken a strong partisan stand on Canadian internal affairs.

But it is another thing to become enthused about Canadianism in the ballet, or the status of a national art gallery. In cultural matters, our temperament has often tended more towards United States influences which the commission finds so disturbing. An attitude like this is not likely to be reversed in a few months or a few years, and the indications are that while the citizens of the tenth province may eventually become staunch Canadians, for the time being they are first and foremost Newfoundlanders.

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Notes By The Way

The English language is full of potholes for the young, so perhaps there is some excuse for the nine-year-old Wirral school girl who made a gallant attempt at a new past tense. "Mum sprang-clean the kitchen yesterday," said she, "because we're getting a new carpet for it on Saturday."—Manchester Guardian.

The bringing back of the war-rrior dead is a pandering to the maudlin living; it is not honoring the spirit of the dead. Out of decency and respect for the sacrifice of life these men have made, let them rest as they are, where they are. In this matter it is the dead, not the living who should have our tender respect. — Peterborough Examiner.

Denmark, with a population no larger than that of Canada, has an average sale per book of about 40,000, while in Canada a work selling 3,000 to 4,000 copies is in the best-seller class. That is indeed odd, but we are unlike the Danes in that we have no language of our own, but share two of the great literary languages of the world and our writers have to compete with the masters of both English and French now and in the past.—London Free Press.

The preposterous argument is made that a motorist who is alone in his car, who refuses to pick up hitch-hikers is guilty of selfish and presumably immoral conduct. It does seem that the chap who bought the car, who bought the licence plates and the gasoline who keeps it in repair, is entitled to ride alone in it if he feels that way. And, strange as it may seem, there are persons who would rather ride alone than be subjected to the chatter of strangers — to say nothing of the risk of being clubbed by a hitch-hiker in the back seat. It would not occur to anybody to propose that a train or a bus should carry passengers free simply because it has some empty seats. No more is there any such duty upon the driver of a private automobile. Most hitch-hikers are inspired either by laziness or by a strong desire to get something for nothing that they descend to beggary. For example every day men and boys stand on the side of Richmond road in Ottawa pointing their thumbs towards Britannia. Less than a block distant runs the Britannia tram line, designed and operated for the public use with stops at convenient places. It is surprising that so many are willing to beg a ride when for a car ticket on a dime they could retain independence and self-respect.—Ottawa Journal.

A recent court ruling in connection with an estate shows the need to be specific in making a will. A man directed his executors to transfer his residence to his widow. Question arose as to whether this would include the Summer residence. And the court ruled that the widow was not entitled to it. In a similar case some time before another judge had ruled exactly opposite. Another case, still before the courts, involves the hobbies of a man now deceased. He had two hobbies, stamps and amateur radio transmitting. Under his will he bequeathed his household and personal effects to his widow. The question is whether the bequest was intended to include the valuable stamp collection and a quantity of radio equipment. Owen Sound Sun-Times.

One trouble, we fear, with the report of the Massey Royal Commission is that most people will be content with reading its recommendations overlooking the body of information, the number of

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