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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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Railway Proposal Debated

It is interesting to note from the discussion in the Legislature yesterday that Government members, for the most part, see pretty clearly the handwriting on the wall so far as rail passenger transportation in this Province is concerned...

The Federal Government appears to be satisfied on this point, for as will be noted in today's Ottawa despatches Transport Minister Chevrier had endorsed Mr. Donald Gordon's statement to Parliament...

One thing our members cannot do, is put back the clock for all of Canada. At most they can retard progress in this Province; but if not, it will be to our own detriment and not of the Railway which will have no difficulty in finding other fields for its enterprise...

It is interesting to recall that many of our politicians were strongly against the railway when it was first mooted in this Province, and argued that it would never prove as efficient as the oldtime stage coach for mail and passenger transport...

The issue is a big one for the future of this Province, and the Government is to be commended on seeing it in this light, and in proposing to have the committee take full time to hear the arguments for and against the new service.

Private Capital And Alberta

To those who bemoan the American control of Canadian oil resources, the announcement that 10 Canadian independent oil companies will attempt the first developmental work in the oil sands region of Alberta, should be welcome news.

The independent companies, which intend to start a joint program of core drilling in the region this Spring, have leased an area of 250,000 acres in this oil-rich district which geologists have estimated may be as extensive as 30,000 square miles in area.

Since the days of the 18th century fur traders, notes the Calgary Herald, this great deposit has been known to Canadians. Only in the past 40 years has any serious attention been paid to the possibilities available.

oment of the sands was economically feasible.

The Blair report concluded that at a direct operating cost of \$3.10 a barrel, a distillate could be produced from the bitumen in the sands and delivered to the Lake Superior terminal of the oil pipeline where it would be worth \$3.50 a barrel.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Prophets have honour save in their own country" is illustrated by the prominent part being played by Mrs. G. I. Inman, Montague, in the Women's Liberal Convention at present being held in Ottawa.

Ottawa spent about \$152,000,000 on buildings and public works, including land costs. This year expenditures will run at least \$11,200,000 higher. Non-defence expenditures on equipment will run to about \$27,700,000 — up about \$4,246,000.

With the snow fast disappearing on land, and the ice breaking up in the Straits, it will not be long now when the ladies will be abroad in all their spring finery, and men and boys twirling their baseball bats preparatory to outdoor exercise.

Oliver Goldsmith, Irish novelist, poet and dramatist, died this date 1774. Of large humanity, pathos, and humour, his novels, such as "The Vicar of Wakefield", discard artificiality and false sentimentality and create life-like figures with, perhaps, an idyllic note.

The proposal to make all medical expenses deductible for income tax purposes without the present four per cent lower limit is a fair and welcome one. The C.C.F. proposal, approved unanimously in the Commons, would greatly extend the relief given by the deduction without making it meaningless by being universal.

It is now clear that Hon. Mr. Darby was referring to Federal undertakings when he said there had been no geological survey here since 1883. The survey carried out in 1948 was a Provincial one, chiefly to discover gravel beds for road-making.

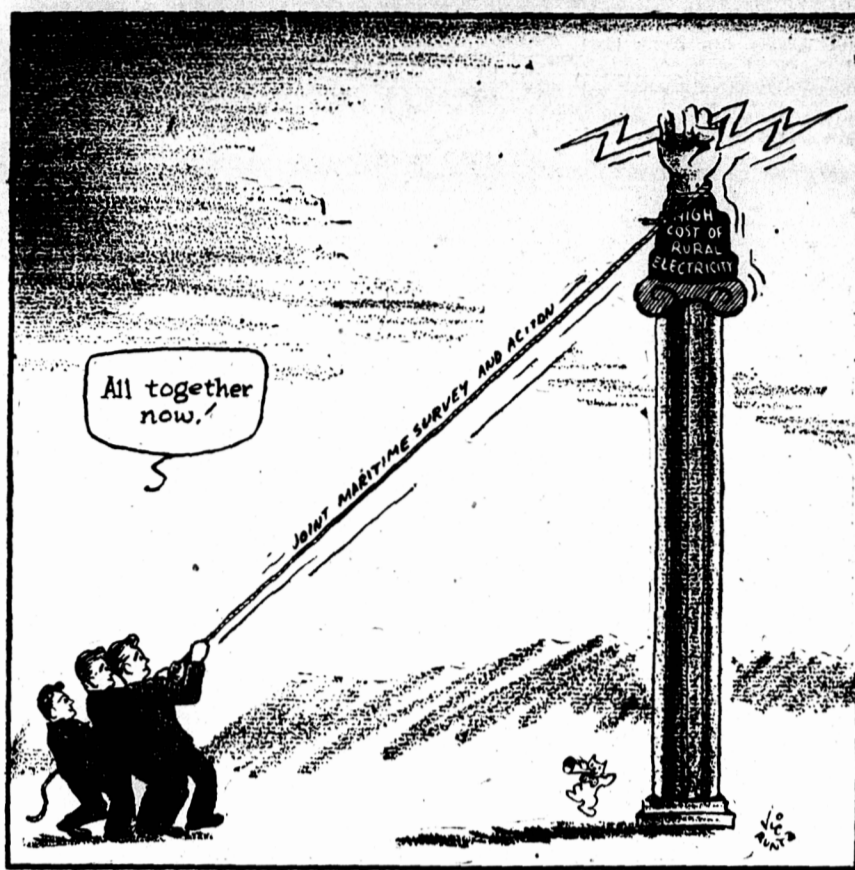
It must be most discouraging to Mr. Albert Roop to have his still uncompleted apartment house at Brighton practically gutted by fire. He showed great enterprise and self-sacrifice in stepping into the breach when the home demand was at a premium, and providing a building with no fewer than fourteen apartments.

The veteran Mr. P. W. Turner is not much in the public eye these days, but time was when he was the cynosure of all eyes in the City, first as Councillor, then as Mayor.

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The Means Of Bringi ng It Down?



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.

PERSONAL TRIBUTE

Sir,—Permit me to express through your columns a few of the thoughts that are uppermost in our minds when we pay tribute, by no means the last, to one of the finest men that Prince Edward Island has produced...

TRUCKERS' RATES TOO LOW

Sir,—I have been reading letters in the newspapers from time to time regarding the plight of the man that is trying to feed himself and his family by trucking in this Province, and I have reason to believe that he has grounds for his complaint.

WHY SIX AND UNDER?

Sir,—According to your issue under date of April 3rd it is reported that under amendments to the Highway Act in the Provincial Legislature, provision is made "that no driver of a motor vehicle shall fail to stop such motor vehicle when a child apparently under the age of six years is known to such driver to be in the probable path of such vehicle."

The Age-Old Story

I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness. Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright, but they have sought out many inventions.

Old Charlottetown

On Wednesday evening, the 23rd, an important meeting of farmers and others took place in Crapaud Hall to consider the establishment of a starch factory at or near Howatt's Mills.

MacMillan Irish

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LONDON, April — (Reuters) —

A bill of rights for all persons in Britain and her non-self-governing territories—whatever color, race or creed—is listed for debate in the House of Commons. The bill, is sponsored by Fenner Brockway, Labor member of parliament, with the support of 11 other Labor members.

The Poets Corner

Man cannot call the brimming instant back; Time's an affair of instants spun to days; If man must make an instant gold, or black, Let him, he may, but Time must go his ways.

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A firm which specializes in alarm clocks reports sales are lower than ever. The robes are so expensive that the old garments are being repaired and passed on from one office-holder to the next.

Notes By The Way

They do things better sometimes in China. During a recent street-car strike in Shanghai the cars ran as usual. The conductors merely refused to collect fares.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

New Delhi is having a beauty contest in search of a "Miss India" who will compete in Hollywood for the title "Miss Universe." That's an example of Western "culture" which India might well overlook.—Ottawa Journal.

An English peer has a theory that the Roman legions used to ford the River Thames — on foot — where Westminster Bridge now stands. So he put his theory to the test, but found he had to swim. Maybe something has happened to the channel since Caesar's day.

The name of their favorite candidate presented something of a challenge to many Minnesota voters who laboriously wrote him into the primary ballot. For those who grappled unsuccessfully with the spelling, the phonetic approach was the most common: "Izenour," or "Izenhower."

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for Bell, Mathieson & Foster; J. S. Taylor; Chas. R. McQuaid; M. Alban Farmer; William A. Reddin; Matheson, Peake & Nicholson; Dr. John E. Sterns; Byron J. Grant O.D.; J. A. Carruthers R.O.; Dr. W. R. Carson; H. R. Doane and Company; McDonald, Currie & Co.