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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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Winning Against T.B.

Most encouraging reports were received at the annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Tuberculosis League. With more than twenty times the number of persons being X-rayed, less than a fifth as many cases are being uncovered as in 1925.

The battle has not been won, however, although the enemy is in retreat. The younger generation are those in peril but today the figures indicate that a substantial proportion of cases, 34.8 per cent, are amongst those over forty who have been examined.

As pointed out by Dr. G. J. Wherrett, executive secretary of the Canadian Tuberculosis Association, although one-third of all deaths from T.B. are in people over 50, only a small proportion of that group are turning out for tests and every effort should be made to have them attend.

Public Taste

It is the common experience of writers, artists and other toilers to please their fellow man that it is the little thing which they despised that takes the popular fancy. Their "magnum opus" may remain in oblivion and the disappointment attain wide popularity.

When he was well into the musty pages, he found a note saying, "The finder of this is advised to go to the Probate Court, and Look up File 162, R.I./Rome, February 5, 1784." The note was signed by the philosopher.

The student went to the court to find that he, as the first person since 1784 to read that far into the folio, had inherited all the philosopher's fortune, which now amounted to some £300,000.

Like most philosophers in a similar position, the student is now on the French Riviera, reading nothing heavier than La Vie Parisienne. But there is a rush on 18th century philosophers in the Vatican Library.

The tome in which the note was found will probably never be opened again. Such is dependence on the tastes of posterity.

Ant Eggs For Sale

In Finland there is an exclusive export association of only ten members which, according to an official publication from the Baltic country, is exploiting millions of workers to such an extent that not only is the industry immune from strikes and demands for higher wages but it doesn't have to pay the workers at all.

At first thought it seems preposterous that these little picnic pests could have any commercial value. But it is not at all uncommon for man to exploit the energies of the insect world. He uses the praying mantis and bushels of lady bugs for scientific experiments.

duce. And even the dewworm is being bred commercially for the bait cans of anglers. The Finns reason that there is no reason why the ant should object to serving a useful purpose as well.

Most of the ant eggs go to Great Britain. The people there may have some difficulty in keeping beef on their own tables but they never serve their pets short. But almost nobody in Finland buys ant eggs. It is an exclusive export industry which is handled by an organization called, quite seriously, Muurahaistenmunaivainjain Yhdistys.

But more power to the Finns. They have turned the ant into a valuable little creature. One person can gather about twenty pounds of eggs a day for which he obtains about \$1.50, a formidable sum in Finland.

Hero Of The U. N.

Three rousing cheers for U. Myint Thein, United Nations delegate from Burma who acts on the simple rule that if a meeting is called for 10:30, it should start at 10:30. He has, comments the Montreal Star, gone on this assumption in his attendance at U. N. meetings, only to find that his fellow-delegates come dribbling in over the next 15 to 40 minutes. Now he has suggested, in most polite and diplomatic terms, that punctuality is something which the builders of world peace might practice to advantage.

And not only the peace-makers. The idea might penetrate elsewhere to advantage. The idea, we know, is unpopular. Most people prefer greater elasticity. Time is a relative thing to them. If a concert begins at 8:30, they believe they can tramp down the aisle at 8:40. If they are asked to lunch at 1 o'clock, they think 1:15 is near enough. If they should get up at 7:30, they believe 7:50 will leave them time enough to gulp their coffee and be off.

All of them might profit from the example of U. Myint Thein who, we regret to say, has wasted more of his time being punctual than any man we have ever heard of.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The co-designer of Britain's first gasoline-powered motor car was hauled into court the other day for refusing to pay his local taxes because he is bothered by traffic congestion in his street. The magistrate listened with sympathy, but ordered that taxes be paid nevertheless. It could be a case of poetic justice.

Canada's oldest practicing physician, Dr. Roderick J. McDonald of St. Peter's Bay, has received a write-up in the October number of "The Canadian Doctor". The 96-year-old physician was honoured by the Prince Edward Island branch of the Canadian Medical Association last June when he had completed 65 years of active medical practice.

Rubber highways are commanding more and more attention. A news report states that the Ontario Highways Department is experimenting on a 10-mile stretch just north of Toronto. Rubber roads, asphalt mixed with natural rubber, have also been laid in Quebec and Newfoundland and parts of the United States. It is an interesting development and will be watched closely.

Visitors to Britain for the first nine months of this year have increased 11 per cent over the same period last year. The total to date now stands at 687,000. While the increase in tourists could well be laid to the Coronation another factor luring Canadians and Americans to the Old Country would be visits to members of the armed services stationed there.

Thomas Cochrane, tenth Earl of Dundonald, died this date 1860. He had a distinguished early career in the Navy. He was elected to Parliament and endeavoured to reform the Admiralty. Later on a false charge of fraud he was expelled from both the Navy and Parliament. He commanded the Chilean navy in the war of independence and also fought for Brazil and Greece. Finally he was reinstated in the Royal Navy and became an admiral. Captain Savage in Marryat's "Peter Simple" is generally conceded to be based on Lord Dundonald.

The United States Navy is testing and developing the hydrofoil boat. This strange looking craft has a series of foils arranged beneath the hull on which it will ride up out of the water at high speed. It is nothing new, however, as the Navy freely admits. It was one of the scientific developments of Alexander Graham Bell, and his associate, Frederick W. Baldwin. A speed of 70.86 miles an hour was attained over the Bras d'Or lakes in 1919 in one of the early models. It was left to this age of speed, however, to develop a work so brilliantly begun, and whose possibilities are great.

Another Health-Giving Dish



Indialogue

By Gerald Steele 4th Year S.D.U. Student

"FROM AN INDIAN TRAIN"

The 700-mile train journey from Bombay to Mysore was, I consider, the most interesting and eventful two days of my life. Never before or since have I seen so much entirely new and varied at one time nor remained so utterly regardless of its balancing a jatt atop her head as she carries water from the village well.

Indian poverty in the countryside as well as in the city is something one has to see to believe. All signs of vegetation gone, there is a grey color to offset the terrible drabness and dirt of the hunched-up villages. Seeing it for the first time, one is bewildered to find ragged children playing on a dried-up dung heap where refuse is still thrown, to find the soil as hard as tile and with large cracks running net-like, to find farm animals grazing on tinder-dry spears still standing along the dykes of rice paddies.

More wary of being taken in, it is nevertheless almost impossible to refuse the crippled and sick small children and mothers. Having snatched the offered food from you, they will hide it in the folds of a dirty garment and steal away to feast unseen by the others. A grateful smile or bow from an emaciated little girl or a young widow is a great reward in any case.

Our food was taken to us on trays from restaurants in the larger stations. Considering the environment, the childish luxury of being able to complain about food is certainly not stylish here. One valuable thing I have learned since leaving home is that the best food never tastes so terrible as when eaten within the helping distance of hungry cries and scrawny outstretched hands.

Books Received

TIDEFALL by Thomas H. Radford (McClelland & Stewart, 509 pp., \$3.75). Rumrunning became big business during the days of American Prohibition and not a few Nova Scotian seamen took a hand in the ruthless but profitable "racket". There can have been few harder characters hovering off the 3-mile limit than Max Nolan, his non-smoking and non-drinking merely serving to heighten the essential savagery of his nature. He is no simple savage, however, and certainly not a noble one. His concept of success is to step into the shoes of fishing village magnate at whose back door he once peddled fish. The difficulties Max encounters in attempting to become respected are of a different nature from those of his rumrunning days but are equally fascinating to the reader. The author knows his Nova Scotia intimately and has again succeeded in producing a top notch yarn.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF MILITARY HISTORY, 3rd edition (Queen's Printer Ottawa, 128 pp.) This small volume, edited by Colonel C. P. Stacey, O.B.E., C.D., is intended particularly for members of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps. It gives them an opportunity to study the principles of war, which are conveniently appended, as illustrated in Canadian military history. It does not purport to be a substitute for the standard books on the subject but is valuable for bringing in the particular military problems which have faced

The Poet's Corner

A GREAT TIME

Sweet Chance, that led my steps abroad, Beyond the town, where wild flowers grow— A rainbow and a cuckoo, Lord! How rich and great the times are now! Know, all ye sheep And cows that keep On staring that I stand so long In grass that's wet from heavy rain— A rainbow and a cuckoo's song: May never come together again: May never come together again: This side the tomb.

—W. H. Davies.

Old Charlottetown

The new Wesleyan Church on Prince Street was opened for Divine service on Sunday last. In the forenoon the service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Richey, in the afternoon by the Rev. Mr. Pope, and in the evening by the Rev. Mr. Stewart. The congregations at all these services were large and attentive, and embraced numerous representatives from all other religious denominations in the City. The Sabbath collections amounted to \$115.

On Monday the Rev. Mr. Ryan preached an appropriate discourse, and on Tuesday evening the Rev. Dr. Richey again officiated in the new church. On Sabbath next the opening services will be continued. The Rev. Mr. Duncan, of St. James Church, will preach in the forenoon, the Rev. Mr. Sprague in the afternoon, and the Rev. Mr. Smith, of Bedeque, in the evening."

The general reader will find interesting this account and analysis of campaigns from 1690 to 1945. Institutions have deeper roots in this country than we are apt to think and it would do no harm for Canadians to recall the foundation of much that we think of as being very recent.

TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH by Will R. Bird (Ryerson Press, 309 pp., \$3.50) The American Revolution from the point of view of a United Empire Loyalist was not a pleasant episode and underlying this story is a restrained horror. On the surface there is action and adventure enough but the British Government, the Army and Nova Scotian authorities come off with scarcely more credit than do "the rebels". The founding of Shelburne on a most unpromising site from an agricultural point of view is vividly told with all its excitement, humour and pathos. The hero, of course, overcomes all difficulties and they are many but his very means of attaining prosperity, cannibalising what threatens to become a still-born town, should evoke pity rather than admiration from the reader.

MOUNTIE ON TRIAL by Oscar Olson (Ryerson Press, 267 pp., \$3.25) The author is himself a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and gives an authentic background to this story of Corporal Dan Brown who is "railroaded" into penitentiary by a former suitor of his young wife. It is difficult, however, to reconcile the feelings of the policeman with his conduct in not even seeing his wife and child after his release until, indeed, they are brought together by the workings of fate and the essential rottenness of his enemy. When it comes to the description of a dangerous chase through a northern blizzard the author writes with authority and vividness. The reader in his comfortable chair is apt to feel all the cold and exhaustion of hunter and hunted.

Notes By The Way

Leonard G. Gammans, MP, has been giving British business people some good advice. As Assistant Postmaster-General, the member for Hornsey is interested in the telephone, this service being one of his direct departmental concerns. Mr. Gammans suggests that business executives go outside periodically and call themselves by telephone. The business man, he compares them with the record 10 years earlier: In 1941 only 7.3 per cent of the rooms were under 21; in 1951, 13.8 per cent. In 1941 only 40.0 per cent of the rooms were under 25; in 1951, 50.3 per cent.—Toronto Star.

The end-of-the-season news out of Churchill is most encouraging to all these people and organizations on the prairie seaport. For the first time since Churchill began commercial operations in 1931, more than 10,000,000 bushels of wheat have been shipped through the port in one season. The 10,750,000 bushel mark represents double the volume of wheat that was being exported through the port only a few years ago; and it is more than 2,000,000 bushels higher than the previous record, set last year when 8,500,000 bushels were shipped out.—Regina Leader-Post.

"A recent survey in the U. S. A. revealed that 45 per cent of all administrative posts in industry were held by engineers."—Royal Bank Letter.

At a time when prophecies of this as "Canada's Century" are being overwhelming fulfilled, the nation finds herself with a shortage of trained technical personnel in many lines. Particularly is this true in the field of engineering—a profession which plays so vital a part in industrial and general economic progress.—Montreal Gazette.

Initial-carving is a horrid habit, but perhaps there's a reason for it—one of those blind, instinctive reasons responsible for so many horrid deeds—and also for some of the noblest on record. You notice—nobody carves his initials on a contractor's hut; no—the older, the more permanent the structure the better; there are initials carved even on the Coronation chair. Don't you think that possibly, like drowning men clutching at straws, we may be trying to anchor our fleeting selves to something that

There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathaniel of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

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