

THE GUARDIAN

Authorized as Second Class Mail Post Office Department, Ottawa. The Island Guardian Publishing Co. CIRCULATION Total City Zone 2,768 Retail Trading Zone 2,427 All Others 824 Total Net Paid 13,043 Editor and Managing Director, J. R. Burnett Associate Editor, Frank Walker "The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink". CHARLOTTETOWN, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1951

Enigma in Iran

The Iranian Government's flat rejection of British proposals for a settlement of the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute has done nothing to lessen the tension in the Middle East. The recall to London of the British negotiating delegation, coupled with the imminent "resignation" of the 4,000 British operators of the great Adaban refinery has created a sort of diplomatic vacuum in which the next move remains clouded and obscure.

Most significant aspect of the whole affair is the reticence displayed by Moscow. Instead of seizing upon the dispute as an occasion for playing up the well-worn propaganda line of "British imperialism" and "American warmongering", the Kremlin has outwardly at least maintained a measure of diplomatic decorum entirely out of harmony with traditional Soviet practice.

Russian reticence, in this instance, is understandable. It also happens to be shrewd diplomacy. For it is less than four years since Moscow was urging Teheran to grant to the Soviet Union the very sort of oil concessions which the Government of Iran is now bent on wresting from the British. Public encouragement from Moscow at this time, when nationalist sentiment is at fever pitch in Iran, might serve to remind the Iranians that their very existence as a nation has depended, during the last century or so, on the sobering effect of British strength in the Indian Ocean upon the imperialist ambitions of Russia. The last thing the Russians want to do at the moment is to rekindle Iran's ancient fear of Russian imperialism.

Moscow's aloof attitude leaves Iran free, for the moment, to pursue the nationalist obsession which has gripped her, at the expense of the British and with seemingly no danger to herself. Iran's present confidence in her capacity to play a balancing role between Britain and Russia is, however, no proof that, once British influence has been removed, it will not be replaced by that of Russia.

Parking Hazards

Angle parking has the advantage of "packing them in" along a given length of curb and where parking space is at a premium that probably outweighs many other considerations. It should not, however, be conclusive if a significant difference in safety is involved.

Parallel parking has its advocates, chiefly from the aspect that the view of the driver is less obscured when parked along rather than into the curb. The claim is made that angle parking increases the risk of accident and also slows down the movement of traffic besides narrowing the street for moving vehicles.

Where parking meters have been installed it is too late to make any change without the clearest proof of the advantage of parallel parking but it would be most valuable to compare the effect of the two systems on other streets for the purpose of establishing a long term policy.

Raising The Money

Like many other Provinces, Manitoba is finding it hard to raise money in Canada and has gone to the New York market to float a loan of \$12,400,000. The term is for 20 years, with a right to retire the capital sum at any time after the fifth year. The Winnipeg Free Press, which doubts the wisdom of this decision, remarks editorially:

"The reason why the provincial government entered the U. S. market is reasonably clear. As an essential part of the anti-inflation policy now being applied by the Federal government, interest rates have gone up. The Federal government some months ago relaxed various supports and pegs, thereby enabling the law of supply and demand to operate. The consequence is a substantial rise in interest rates. Among the borrowers who have been embarrassed are most of the provinces. They are embarrassed because their over-all budgets are unbalanced. Rather than pay the prevailing interest rate in Canada, the Manitoba government in company with some other provincial governments, has chosen to float a loan in the U. S. at what happens to be, for the moment, a lower rate.

"Where wisdom is lacking is that with a loan payable both as to interest and principal in U. S. funds there can be no assurance that a presently favorable rate

will continue. Both the interest rate and the cost of repaying the loan will depend upon the rate of exchange at the time the money must be remitted to the bondholders in the U. S. At one time in recent years the Canadian dollar was worth only 76 cents in U. S. funds. However attractive a small immediate saving may seem, there can be no guarantee against a recurrence of a heavy exchange penalty. Therefore, the provincial government is gambling on the future exchange rate, which is something a government should not do. If borrowing is inescapable the government would be much wiser to pay a slightly higher rate of interest for a Canadian loan, payable in Canadian dollars."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Some people are prone to pessimism, but their number becomes notably less as the strawberry season approaches.

Welcome to the Maritime Dental Association and the P. E. I. Underwriters. Both are assured that they will not be bored.

Visitors are becoming more numerous, presumably in anticipation of Festive Week. They are assured of a warm welcome whether arriving in any designated period or just as the spirit moves them.

Iranian officials are reported to be playing with Englishmen like mice. It recalls the time when one Adolf Hitler was going to wring a certain neck like a chicken's. Some mice!

Now that paving has begun on sections of the Trans-Canada Highway there should soon be the answer on the ground itself to the questions of direction which have so far lacked an answer on the map.

Mr. Orrin Hart of Alberta and Mr. John McLean of Nova Scotia, two 27-year-old Canadian farmers in Britain on a Nuffield Scholarship, recently gave demonstrations of Canadian ranching methods on the Great Glen cattle ranch, Achendaul.

It is just over a year since hostilities commenced in Korea. Modern military strength can be increased only slowly at first, then rapidly and, once full production is achieved, at a very great rate indeed. The increase in strength of the free nations in one short year can only be regarded as phenomenal but is also only the beginning.

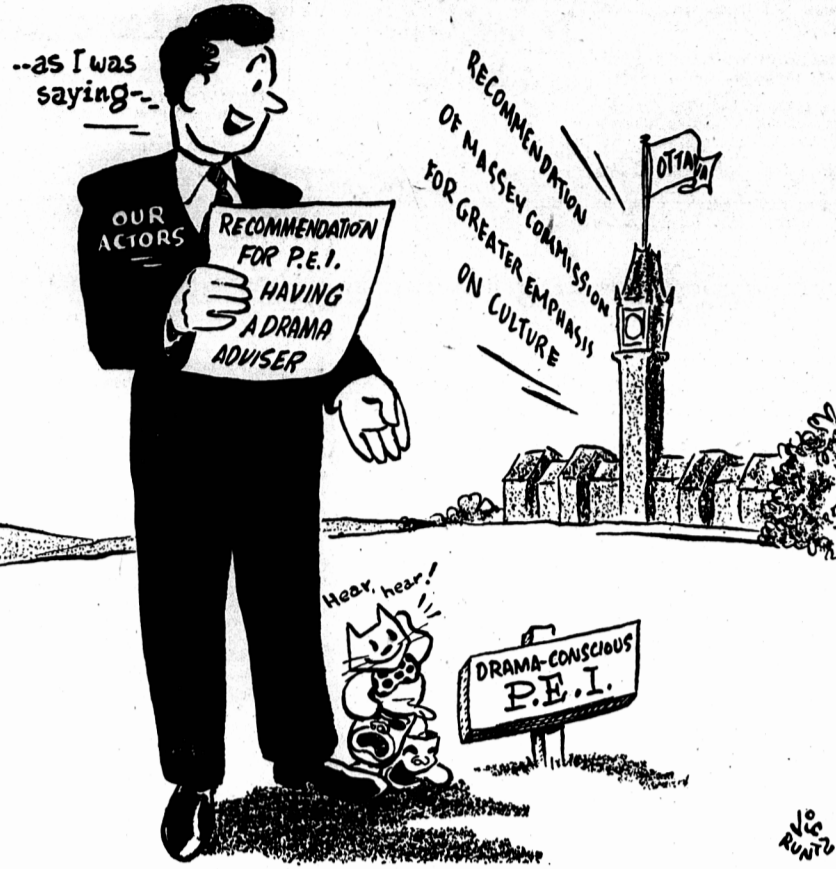
Harriet Martineau, English miscellaneous writer, died this date 1876. She visited America 1834-36 but her sympathies with the abolitionists made the visit anything but enjoyable. She became an enthusiastic advocate of mesmerism after being cured of a serious illness by its employment. She was attracted by Comte's philosophy and in 1853 published an admirable condensation of his "Positive Philosophy".

For what it's worth, Canada's defence planners consider that Russian bombers bound for U. S. (and one or two Canadian) targets, would likely follow either of two routes. One is an eastern route via Spitzbergen. The other would follow the Aleutian Island chain-Alaska highway route. Our experts think that the former is the more likely. It has refueling possibilities and would give Red bombers a better chance of getting back to their home bases.

Britain's National Federation of Y. F. C.'s has announced the names of the six Young Farmers who will visit Canada as guests of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario and the U. S. as guests of the 4H Clubs of America. The six who will sail on August 4th and spend a month in Canada and 2 1/2 months in the U. S. are: Misses Sylvia Brewer, 24, Grampound Road, Truro; P. A. Burrows, 23, Cropstone, Leics; J. D. Stevens, 21, Moortown, Wellington, Shropshire; Messrs. L. Picot, 20, Trinity, Jersey; B. D. Thomas, 24, Narbeth, Pembroke-shire, Wales; J. A. Jackson, 23, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland.

The death of Mr. John Cameron removes not only the oldest barber in the city, but one of the best informed authorities on the history and biography of Charlottetown's citizens. Endowed with an excellent memory, and being particularly observant and inquisitive, little in the present escaped his attention; while his retentive memory enabled him to recall history of events and families away back in by-gone days. No one of any importance had a skeleton in his closet that Johnny, as he was popularly designated, had not familiarized himself with. His customary comment on the ways of fellow citizens, was "you don't know how little you're thought of until you seek public office, then your faults and failings will be broadcast." Mr. Cameron was a good citizen and a bona-fide practising Christian, owing nobody anything but love. God rest his soul.

Underscoring The Point



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.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

Sir,—Much publicity has been given the Government's proposed plan to pay people over seventy a pension without a means test, and so very many people think this is very welcome. But now from some news items in our papers it appears that after all there is a catch in it, and a proposed adjustment to the Income Tax Act is mentioned as being made to act as a mean's test. I am, Sir etc. OVER SEVENTY Summerside.

Canadian Federalism

(London Times) A bill to amend the British North America Acts is a reminder that the Parliament of the United Kingdom still retains, though in a purely technical sense, certain constitutional powers over the Dominion of Canada. The reason for the continuance of this anomalous situation, which is shortly to be terminated by consent, lies in the quasi-federal character of the Canadian Constitution. It is desired in Canada to legislate on a national basis for old-age pensions, but the power to do so is reserved by the North America Acts to the provinces, and last October the Supreme Court of Canada decided that neither the provincial legislatures nor the Federal Parliament can make even a voluntary transfer of any constitutional power.

In most respects both have already acquired the right to amend their own constitutions, but the authority to shift the dividing line between them can evidently not be exercised by either the Federation alone or the provinces alone. It has therefore remained provisionally with the Parliament at Westminster, as a body that can be neutral between them, but subject to the established constitutional convention that it shall be exercised only when and as requested by Canada herself.

It is not quite clear how this convention would be interpreted if the Federal and Provincial Governments made contradictory requests; but Canadian statesmanship since the Statute of Westminster has avoided this difficulty, and the time is now so short that the case is unlikely to arise.

It is now common ground that Canada should have complete formal control of her own Constitution as soon as suitable machinery for its amendment can be devised. This machinery must hold the balance even between provincial and federal powers, and therefore the amending formula must be something different from an ordinary Act of the Federal Parliament. Every sovereign State with a federal distribution of powers must provide in its own way to meet this need. Australia and Switzerland, for instance, use a referendum, while the United States has a complicated system requiring legislation by a prescribed majority in a fixed number of states legislatures as well as in the Congress.

It will not be surprising if Canada chooses to ignore both models, for her Constitution differs from those of the United

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) THE "RICHARD SMITH"

"We were on Thursday gratified with the arrival of the Richard Smith, being the first Steam Vessel that ever entered this port. The novelty of the occurrence attracted a large concourse of spectators, who cheered her as she approached the wharf. Mr. Smith, the manager of the Albion Mines, and several other gentlemen, came passengers in her. Next morning His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and a large party were treated with a sail up the Hillsborough; and about twelve o'clock, she again started for Pictou." —Prince Edward Island Register, Aug. 10, 1830. (The boat was intended to ply on the East River of Pictou, between that town and the coal mines. Her engine was of thirty horse power).

States and Australia, first by defining the powers of the provinces and leaving the residue to the centre, instead of vice versa, and, secondly, by giving the federal authority a limited right to interfere even in the domain reserved to the provinces.

The provincial Premiers agreed last year on the principle of creating a purely Canadian procedure for amending the Constitution, and remitted to a conference of their Attorneys-General the task of devising an appropriate legal form.

When this has been accepted both by their Governments and by the Federation it will be necessary for the United Kingdom Parliament to cast it into the form of one more Bill — the last — for amending the North America Acts. As with the present Bill, which passed through all its stages in the House of Commons last week in four minutes, its passage will be a pure formality, for Parliament has no other function in relation to Canada than to give effect to the wishes of her people.

The Poet's Corner

THE SONNET

A Sonnet is a moment's monument.— Memorial from the Soul's eternity To one dead deathless hour. Look that it be, Whether for lustral rite or dire portent Of its own arduous fullness reverent: Carve it in Ivory or in ebony, As Day or Night may rule; and let Time see Its flowering crest imperaled and orient.

A Sonnet is a coin; its face reveals the soul,—its converse, to what Power 'tis due:— Whether for tribute to the august appeals Of Life, or dower in Love's high realm; It serve; or 'mid the dark wharf's cavernous breath In Charon's palm it pay the toll to Death.

—D. G. Rossett.

Dr. A. L. MacIsaac

DENTIST Dental X-Ray GLORIA BUILDING 179 Grafton St. Phone 291

J.P. MacPherson & Son

157 QUEEN ST. Tailored-to-Measure Clothing That Fits. \$48.00 and up

E.K. Brow & Son

Fire, Auto, Life, Accident, Sickness And Plate Glass Insurance

At Lowest Rates

Agent at Summerside, D. O. Stewart 144 Richmond St. Charlottetown

COMPLETE INSURANCE SERVICE

W.K. Rogers Agencies Limited. COMPLETE INSURANCE AGENTS CHARLOTTETOWN, SUMMERSIDE AND TRURO. Phone 1-1011

181 QUEEN ST.

AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

Notes By The Way

Compared with the current capers of beef, the cow that jumped over the moon must have been old and rheumatic, if that was the best she could do.—(Ottawa Citizen).

Alberta's net debt is now under \$100,000,000 for the first time since it hit that figure on the way up during the Farmer Government regime between 1921 and 1935. The actual debt, as a result of paying off some \$2,266,000 in bonds now stands at \$98,556,132. That doesn't tell the whole story. There is "in the sock", that is the special reserve set up by the government to pay off the outstanding debt, some \$75,000,000 or more. At the end of the 1950 fiscal year it stood at \$62,000,000 and there was a whopping \$20,000,000 surplus left in the year ending March 31, 1951. Who says Alberta isn't rich?—(Lethbridge Herald).

Housewives may pile the dishes in the sink, but from now on they'll handle the lowly milk bottle with delicate hands, for by an edict of the Saskatchewan Milk Control Board it has been placed in the diamond and ruby classification. Today a milk bottle is worth five cents, tomorrow its value will be doubled. The empty bottle will be worth as much as a full one was a few years back. There'll be mighty few milk bottles put out the side door or on the front porch the night before to await the arrival of the early milkman. A milk bottle with a ticket or money in it will be too great a temptation.—(Moose Jaw Times-Herald).

If you've ever gone on a honeymoon or your plans for the future include one you might be interested in knowing just what started the whole thing. Centuries ago when a man chose a bride he very often had to steal her and carry her off to parts unknown. Whether or not she was a willing victim made no difference; he took her and hid her until her vengeful kinsmen grew weary of the search and let the whole thing drop. The custom of "giving the bride away" is another relic of another age the era when a bride was customarily purchased from her parents. From the same time comes the wedding veil, reminiscent of the day when a maiden appeared at her wedding completely veiled from top to toe. Then there's the best man. He was more than just an amiable pal with a handy vest pocket for a wedding ring in the original version. In fact, he was most indispensable, for he backed up the groom when he went to steal the bride, armed to the teeth in case they should encounter a father or brother with different ideas. So there we have it. We needn't look too far for the "something old" that is traditional for a bride. It's there in almost every phase of a wedding.—(Wall Street Journal).

A country doctor has been named president of the Canadian Medical Association. The choice of Dr. Harcourt B. Church does not seem to have been dictated by a desire to honor country doctors. It is rather a tribute to Dr. Church's own outstanding qualities as a medical man. It could also be a tribute to the sense of dedication he and his family have carried to the practice of medicine outside the big cities for so long. Dr. Church is the fifth generation of his family to practice medicine at Aylmer, Que. On leaving McGill he lost no time in getting back to Aylmer to carry on a family tra-

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

FREDERIC A. LARGE, K. C. Barrister, Solicitor, Notary Royal Bank of Canada Building Charlottetown, P. E. I. LOANS ON CITY AND FARM PROPERTIES

A. Walthen Gaudet, LL.B. BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC. Phillips Building 111 Grafton Street Money to Loan Collection

Bell, Mathieson & Foster Barristers, Solicitors, etc. R. R. BELL, K.C. D. L. MATHIESON, LL.B., K.C. G. R. FOSTER, LL.B. Loans on City and Farm Properties. 150 Richmond Street Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Gaudet & Haszard GILBERT A. GAUDET, B.A., LL.B. Barristers and Solicitors Money to Loan Canadian Bank of Commerce Bldg

MacPhee & Trainor H. F. MACPHEE, B.A., K.C. E. SOMERLED TRAINOR, B.A. Barristers, etc.

Dr. W. R. Carson Chiropractor Palmer Graduate CHARLOTTETOWN 201 Prince St. Phone 1071

M. Alban Farmer B.A., LL.B. MONEY TO LOAN Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Dr. John E. Starns VETERINARY SURGEON Phone 729 238 Pownall St. Office Hours By Appointment

Chas. R. McQuaid B.A. BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, NOTARY, ETC. Eastern Trust Building CHARLOTTETOWN Phone 1711

Matheson, Peake & Nicholson A. W. MATHESON, K.C. A. H. PEAKE, B.A., LL.B. JOHN P. NICHOLSON, LL.B. Barristers, etc. Collections — Money To Loan 90 Great George Street Charlottetown

Palmer & Haslam A. J. HASLAM, B.A., LL.B. Barrister, Etc. Bank of Nova Scotia Chambers Charlottetown, P. E. I. MONEY TO LOAN

J. S. TAYLOR Optometrist Eyes examined, glasses fitted Corner Kent & Queen Sts. Office Phone 1956—House 1013

Allison M. Gillis, LL.B. BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC. 180 Richmond St. - Ch'town. Phone 600

J. A. CARRUTHERS R.O. OPTOMETRIST PHONE 2872 123 Kent Street (Next to Simpson's Agency)

Joseph R. MacMillan, LL.B. BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC. 75 Queen Street PHONE 776 Money to Loan Collection

BYRON J. GRANT O.D. OPTOMETRIST 126 1/2 Kent Street PHONE 679 Adjoining North American Hotel

H. R. DOANE & CO. Chartered Accountants 148 Great George Street, Charlottetown Randolph W. Manning, O. A. Erna F. MacPherson, C.A. W. Grant Thompson, C.A. Charlottetown, Summerside, Truro, Kentville. Phones: 2086 - 1647 Box 1641

McDONALD, CURRIE & CO. CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS Montreal, Quebec, Ottawa, Toronto, Saint John, Sherbrooke, Vancouver, Kirkland Lake, Moncton, Hamilton, Charlottetown. Currie Bldg., Charlottetown Telephone 1698