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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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In Chastened Mood

It is to be hoped that the authorities are correct in predicting that despite the serious trouble which has developed in construction of the new pier for the Hillsboro Bridge, there will be no delay in the completion of the work which is set for December, 1960.

Laymen are poorly qualified to speak on engineering problems of this kind, and it would seem that the engineers themselves are somewhat at a loss in this case. Which reminds us that we have been doing a lot of harping ourselves about the delay in coordinating the reports on the Northumberland Strait causeway project and preparing the final one for the Federal Government's consideration.

According to the latest information received by our junior representative in Parliament for Queens, more than one bridge may have to be built to allow a free flow through the Strait. How much extra planning does this involve, to ensure that a debacle such as occurred at Hillsboro Bridge will not be repeated on a much more disastrous scale? We haven't the faintest idea, and we doubt whether many of our readers are in a position to speak dogmatically on the subject.

In the circumstances, we can hardly blame Mr. Macquarrie for not doing so. He has said that the major problem facing the government engineers is that of minimizing the effects of tides and fisheries, and the modifications of this statement are now beginning to dawn upon us. We still think that official progress reports from the responsible minister would be of help, but we are less sure—after what has happened locally—whether we should be able to draw the right conclusions from them if we did get them.

This Causeway project will be one of the major engineering works on the North American continent. Construction blunders could be very serious indeed. If they can be avoided in the planning stage, by exhaustive analysis of every detail before the job gets under way, it will save us a lot of disappointment in the future, and the Government a lot of unnecessary expense, not to speak of criticism and abuse for having acted too hastily.

This, in our more subdued frame of mind after noting the results of our local efforts in bridge-and-causeway building, strikes us as fair and reasonable. We shan't promise not to complain again about delays and holdups in bringing this much greater undertaking to a head, but for the time being we're stymied.

Girl Guides' Campaign

Next week the Girl Guides will be holding their annual campaign throughout the Province, and we have no doubt as to the support which they will receive. The activities of this organization are manifold, but camping plays a large part and this year seven camps were held, attended by 315 Guides and Brownies, many more than have ever camped in one season before.

This year, too, the Guides had the honor of sending one of their representatives to an international camp in Australia, and another to Sweden. Eight Guides and a leader attended a camp at Pike River. Five Sea Rangers, a Guide and a leader attended a Girl Scout Round-up at Colorado Springs. Five Commissioners represented the Province at a Canada-wide conference in Quebec last June, and one of our Sea Ranger skippers was chosen as the Canadian hostess for a gathering of Young Adults in Mexico.

Altogether, there are over 600 Girl Guides and Sea Rangers in Prince Edward Island, and nearly 500 Brownies, along with 102 registered adult leaders who give many

hours voluntarily to help in training the girls. It is a growing movement, stemming from the Boy Scouts organization and equally valuable in youth training and citizenship building. Next Year—Jubilee Year—the Guides plan to send representatives to England and to each of the other Provinces. A successful campaign this year will give them the support they are hoping for, and a further incentive to worthwhile effort.

Hospital Insurance

Our hospital insurance scheme is now under way, with an estimated 85 to 90 per cent of the Island's population participating. This is very gratifying, but it could only have been achieved by the compulsory measures which Ottawa insisted upon in the agreement.

There is some doubt whether the last Legislature would have passed the measure had these compulsory features been apparent in the bill. They should, of course, have been clearly explained, and the need for them as well. The then Opposition did its best to obtain clarification, and courted political criticism by insisting on the weakness of a purely voluntary plan.

Now that the scheme is in effect, we feel that its benefits will be very widely appreciated. It remains only to congratulate the Hospital Commission and all concerned on the success of their efforts. A great deal of extra work will be involved at the start, but the plan will soon be working smoothly. Then we shall wonder how we could ever have done without it, or thought of it in terms of "undemocratic" compulsion.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We note that the Memoirs of Sir Joseph Pope, the Prince Edward Islander who became the devoted right hand of Sir John A. Macdonald and the trusted friend of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, is being published by the Oxford University Press. Sir Joseph completed his biography to 1907. The rest of the book has been written by his son, General Maurice Pope, CBE, MC., but is firmly based on the diaries in which Sir Joseph wrote copiously to the end of his life. It should be a most interesting work.

A new symbol of what's wrong with the world has been found by a delegate to a National Button Society convention held in Los Angeles. It's the zipper, that's what it is; the symbol of universal laziness. People don't want to take time to button buttons any more, so they use zippers. Since Thomas Carlyle expounded his philosophy of clothes in "Sartor Resartus" over a century ago, this is the first attempt to bring it up to date. Carlyle, we imagine, would approve. So, of course, does the National Button Society.

Oberammergau, the German village dedicated to woodcarving and the Passion Play, is coming to life again. Performed every ten years in accordance with a vow taken by the villagers in the 17th century, the next series of the Passion Play is scheduled for 1960. Already the preparations are in full swing. The actors—all of them inhabitants of the village—are letting their beards and hair grow long in the manner worn at the beginning of the Christian era. Performances will start May 19 and end on September 25.

At the recent International Oceanographic Congress, Britain's Dr. H.O. Bull said research shows it is quite possible that lower fish catches here and there throughout the world might well be due to the fish's ability to learn rather than to over-fishing. He found that ultrasonic signals now used by commercial fishermen to locate schools of fish can be heard by some species. In aquarium experiments, fish can be taught to come running at the signal. Dr. Bull thinks there is a good chance that the fish, in the freedom of the sea, learns by experience to go the other way too.

Addressing a meeting of educators in Atlantic City the other day, Dr. John B. Fisher, dean of Columbia University's famed teachers' college, had this to say on a subject of general concern: "It is unfortunate that in the flurry of our current excitement about science, mathematics and foreign languages, we have not continued to emphasize that effectiveness of education in every other field comes to rest ultimately upon the student's ability to use his mother tongue. The principal measure of the effectiveness of our schools as instruments of universal education is their success in teaching the use of English."



HOW CLEAN A SWEEP?

ARCTIC INSPECTION

Canada's Reciprocal Offer

M.W. In The Winnipeg Free Press

The Prime Minister's Arctic inspection offer to Premier Khrushchev is a variant of early proposals which have fallen on deaf Russian ears. Mr. Diefenbaker invited the Soviet leader to inspect any area of northern Canada which he designates as being used for aggressive purposes by the United States on condition that the West be permitted to inspect "all areas in the USSR within the same latitudes."

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.

"DOMINION OF CANADA."

Sir.—Referring to your timely editorial in issue of 30th September, regarding the term "Dominion," when used in connection with Canada, as being a lost word, I would like to say in the first place that the P.E.I. Historical Society should be given credit for taking the initiative in having the name of our local Post Office Building changed to Dominion Building.

Some years ago I heard an address by Judge Palmer dealing with the bringing of neither of the various States in the United States, to form a Nation by a Federal Union. The Judge also referred to the situation in Canada, where following agreement among certain Provinces, Confederation had taken place, and the Dominion Government formed by an Act of the Imperial Parliament. That the term Federal Government could not be properly applied to Canada, as there had been no Federation in Canada.

Some months ago I wrote Mr. J. A. Macdonald, M.P., asking him to ascertain if the word "Dominion" was not still the correct word to use, and he replied that the term "Dominion" was the correct word, and that Mr. Macquarrie, M.P., agreed it was.

The first of July is still officially and otherwise known as Dominion Day, although a few years ago an attempt was made to change it to Canada Day.

It sounds strange to hear politicians of all parties speaking of the Federal Government in their speeches, when it is apparently an incorrect term. As quoted in your editorial, "What is the matter with 'Dominion'?" It is a good word and long in use. Let it be used and stop imitating our American cousins.

I am, Sir, etc. T.E.M.

"GOOD ENOUGH FOR US"

Sir.—I cannot let the moment slip by without telling you about how much your editorial "Good Enough For Us" pleased me this Tuesday morning, and I'm sure thousands like me. We don't get into the news—but I'm sure as I can be that St. Laurent's and Mackenzie King's unceasing efforts at whittling away on our ties with the U.K. and their unending and quite successful catering to French-Canadian self-assuredness, caused a terrific switch away from their voting support.

People—the people who worked hardest to make Canada what it is—are more than a little fed up with Maple Leaf-Fleur de Lis, etc., etc., ad nauseam. What's the matter with what we've got? It's like guests coming into your home and immediately fixing fundamentals around to suit their taste. Perhaps some of these hair-brained "Young Politicians" should take a look at India's predicament. During all my young years Britain concentrated on keeping Russia out of India to the Mediterranean. Gandhi's independence movement left India wide open. Now—China with her millions has to go somewhere. I am, Sir, etc. EX-TEACHER Charlottetown.

Contact Lenses & Crossed Eyes

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. REPORTS from California and Tokyo doctors seem to indicate that contact lenses might be of value in correcting and even at times preventing cases of crossed eyes in children.

Simply explained, crossed eyes is a slippage of eye alignment. The causes are many and range from nearsightedness to congenital cataract.

NOT ONLY VISUAL PROBLEM Crossed eyes presents more than a visual problem. Emotional and social problems also must be considered, not only for the youngster, but for his parents as well.

So these reports of the use of contact lenses to help solve the problems is a rather important development.

FITTED WITH CONTACTS According to Dr. Tutomu Sato, chief ophthalmologist at Tokyo University, 30 Japanese infants were fitted with contact lenses. The youngsters ranged in age from eight months to ten years.

They were fitted with the lenses in an effort to correct serious vision disorders, to correct simple nearsightedness, or following the removal of cataracts.

TOO YOUNG FOR FRAMES Contacts were used because the patients were too young to wear frames or because the vision problems would not respond to correction by spectacles.

As the research neared an end, Dr. Sato noted an amazing side effect: there were no signs of crossed eyes in any of the children that were observed.

Now Dr. Sato and his associates had definitely anticipated development of such defects in more than half of the tiny patients.

LAUNCHED NEW STUDY The doctors launched a new study to try to determine why none of the 30 children developed crossed eyes.

Their conclusion: the wearing of contact lenses prevented it. The doctors also reported "great benefits" when contact lenses were applied immediately after healing procedures following surgical treatment of cataracts of babies and children.

CROSSED EYE PROBLEM Now let's get back to the crossed eye problem.

The "Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Monthly" reported that Dr. J. Myron Middleton, of California, found contact lenses helpful in improving the sight of a three-year-old albino boy.

The youngster had been enrolled in a sight-saving school until "contact lenses helped the child attain vision comparable with other children in his age group."

In addition, the report says, the child lost traces of crossed eyes.

QUESTION AND ANSWER R. C.: When I drink milk, I suffer from indigestion and gas. Can you tell me why this happens?

Answer: Perhaps you are allergic to milk, which may cause the symptoms you describe. It is best to consult your private physician regarding this effect.

OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Oct. 2, 1934) Authorization has been received from the Federal Department of Public Works, Ottawa, for an expenditure of \$800 for the purpose of undertaking repairs required to the public wharf at Red Point, Queens County. It is understood that the work

by many other countries. Some diplomats say the Tibetan debate would give Russia and the satellite delegations another crack at rehabilitating China's claims for UN membership and attacking colonial powers of all kinds.

These arguments have considerable appeal for those who hope for a permanent easing of tensions as a result of the warm spell in the cold war following Soviet Premier Khrushchev's visit with President Eisenhower.

THE OTHER SIDE Against all this is the powerful argument that the UN cannot ignore Tibetan pleas, including one from the exiled Buddhist godking, the Dalai Lama.

Formal UN action would call attention in a particularly striking way to the Tibetan plight, say the supporters of the Irish-Malayan resolution. This would be more effective than the emphasis now being placed on the subject, as speaker after speaker refers to the Tibetan affair in their policy statements in general debate.

CONFUSION PLUS ACCRA, Ghana (Reuters) — A 65-year-old Ghanaian farmer facing a charge of attempted suicide told a court he wanted to do away with himself because he had seven wives and 30 children. Opam Twumasi said: "I was so confused I wanted to die."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Nothing makes a tourist happier than discovering a place where there are no tourists. A strange breed—they apparently can't stand themselves.—Calgary Herald

Insurance Salesman: "How do you suppose your wife would carry on if you should die tomorrow?" Prospect: "I don't reckon that's any concern of mine, mister, as long as she behaves herself while I'm still alive."—Farm Journal

Arabs and Israelis are both working furiously to present a case to the United Nations at the General Assembly. They are taking different tactics. The Israelis lean heavily on Egypt's continued refusal to allow Israeli ships or Israel-bound cargoes to go through the Suez Canal; the Arabs make their leading issue the plight of the Palestinian refugees. No resolution of either problem is in sight.—Ottawa Citizen

The Russians were first into Alaska, holding it for more than a century until—on March 30, 1867—they agreed to sell it to the United States for the paltry sum of \$7.2 million. We do not doubt that the Russians have been regretting the sale of "Seward's Icebox" ever since; we do not doubt that the name of their lost territory is imprinted as indelibly on their hearts as "Calais" was on that of Mary I.—Globe and Mail, Toronto

A man in Worcester, Mass., is in trouble from growing marijuana in an apartment window box. It is doubtful whether the judge will accept the plea of the accused being just another amateur horticulturist.—Calgary Alberta

Prime Minister Nehru of India says he does not propose to have any military alliance with any country, come what may. What may come, of course, is a Communist conquest of India.—Brantford Expositor

The Age Old Story Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

MAXIMS

Good and bad luck is but a synonym, in the great majority of instances, for good and bad judgment.

FISHERMAN'S SONG There I would cast my fly Where the swan banks and follows, Though stars are foxed, the dry, The vanished river's shallows— And all of time in her cry.

By rock and silted bend Where the buried river ran And grass, sings in the wind, I would follow the swan To the reach of her mind—

Till rock and mirage break And stars double and float q Upon the quiet lake, There I'd put out my boat As the herons wake.

And tossing to the floor An empty spindle, I'd rest upon an oar Watching the dawnlight kindle Christ's fire on the lake shore.

—David Campbell in "The Listener" will be underway immediately.

Mrs. George England of Travellers Rest had a miraculous escape from serious injury on Monday evening when she fell from the barn loft to the hardwood floor, striking her head on the floor. She was taken to the hospital, but no serious injury was found although she was suffering from shock.

TEN YEARS AGO (Oct. 2, 1949) An important business transaction was completed Saturday when the Hughes Drug Company, with goodwill, fixtures, stock and other assets, was sold by Mr. G. Gordon Hughes to Mr. Earle C. Baker of Charlottetown. The Company, in its present location, on the corner of Queen and Grafton Streets, can probably claim the honour of being the oldest establishment to be carried on continuously as a drug store in Canada.

One man was seriously injured, and two others escaped with cuts and bruises when a bus and a car collided in Summerside last night. Most seriously injured is Ira Campbell of Lot 16, driver of the car who is in the Prince County Hospital with possible spine injuries. Also in hospital are Reginald DesRoches and Eldon Vio, both of Miscouche.

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