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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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Fire Prevention Week

The selection of October 4th to 10th as Fire Prevention Week in Canada is timely because heating plants which have been disused since Spring are again being operated and all too often stand in need of cleaning or repair.

The Provincial Fire Marshal's report shows that there was a gratifying drop in loss by fire from 1951 to 1952 but last year still showed no less than nine deaths and a total of 355 fires costing almost half a million dollars.

What Fire Prevention Week should impress is the necessity of thinking about fires before they happen. Whether in private homes, business, or public institutions, it is highly desirable for all concerned to consider what the dangers are, to eliminate them so far as possible, and to understand what steps are necessary should fire break out.

The Fire Marshal and other officials are on the lookout for fire hazards but it is quite impossible for them to see everything that could be a source of danger. There can be few hazards, however, that are not known to someone and it is up to that someone to see that they are either eliminated or at least reduced.

Every big fire results in a general tightening up of fire regulation enforcement and observance but the time when precautions pay off is when they are taken before rather than after disaster.

Latest Findings in Palestine

Discovery of a 6,000-year-old village in Palestine's southern desert region of Negeb and new proof that the arid land was heavily settled in Roman times have cheered colonists who are pioneering farm communities in the parched area.

Dr. Glueck's findings indicate the Nabathean kingdom extended from the southern end of the Dead Sea to what is now the Egyptian border. Heretofore, it had been supposed that these peoples, who combined elements of Roman, Semitic and Arab cultures, lived solely in Transjordan and used the Negeb only for trade routes.

Negeb, which means dry or parched lands, occupies the southern third of Palestine. Most of the region was apportioned to Israel under the United Nations partition, and in recent years increasing numbers of colonists have settled in the territory.

At Revivim, south of Beersheba, settlers are cultivating hundreds of acres of grain, vegetables, fruit and olive trees. Surplus water gathered during the rainy season is stored in concrete-lined pools for irrigation during the intense summer drought.

Dr. Glueck's explorations and excavations have uncovered more than 1,000 Biblical cities in the Transjordan area, laid bare King Solomon's long-missing port of Ezion-geber on the Red Sea, and discovered Solomon's copper mines in the Wadi Arabah.

pottery identification. His current expedition is co-sponsored by the Hebrew Union College and the Louis M. Rabinowitz Foundation of New York City.

Orphanage Appeal

The high cost of living that is so familiar to heads of families is equally high for those children who are parentless and the Prince Edward Island Protestant Orphanage is asking that generous friends not only support it as in the past but increase their contributions. They can be sure that every dollar received will be used to the best advantage of the boys and girls in the Orphanage's care.

The people of this Province are always generous in their response to appeal for aid from far or near but the homeless little ones of our own have an especially direct claim on our generosity. It would be intolerable to think of them asking aid and failing to receive it.

The orphanage has been exceedingly fortunate over the years in the people who have managed it and seen to its direction and support. Outstanding is Mrs. H. S. Henderson who has been tireless in working for the children and who has succeeded in persuading others to give of their time and effort for the cause. It is hard to refuse to work when asked to do so by one who does so much.

The Protestant Orphanage drive opens on Monday and workers will canvass as many of our people as possible. Many, however, will not wait to be approached but will seek out the collectors and do their bit towards giving the orphan children as good a life and as wide an opportunity as possible. They will be remembered by many at such seasons as Christmas and their lives brightened by gifts and entertainment but it must not be forgotten that they also have to live throughout the year.

EDITORIAL NOTES

National Newsboys' Day.

Tomorrow, the 18th Sunday after Trinity, the 19th after Pentecost.

The annual meeting of the Maritime Provinces Board of Trade is being held in Saint John today and tomorrow. The proposed establishment of a Maritime Economic Council is in line with the new spirit of Maritime economic enterprise which is stirring after many decades.

Contour plowing will be included in the contests at the International Plowing Match which opens Tuesday. This is the first time there have been such classes and the Toronto Globe and Mail, although not usually thought of as a farm paper, is to be congratulated on having brought about the innovation and donated prizes.

Seamen are a conservative lot. In ancient times Egyptian vessels were supplied with eyes graved into the bows to enable the craft to find their way. Thousands of years later sailors still speak of the hawse-pipes on either side of the bow as the eyes of the ship, although their purpose is to lead the anchor cables.

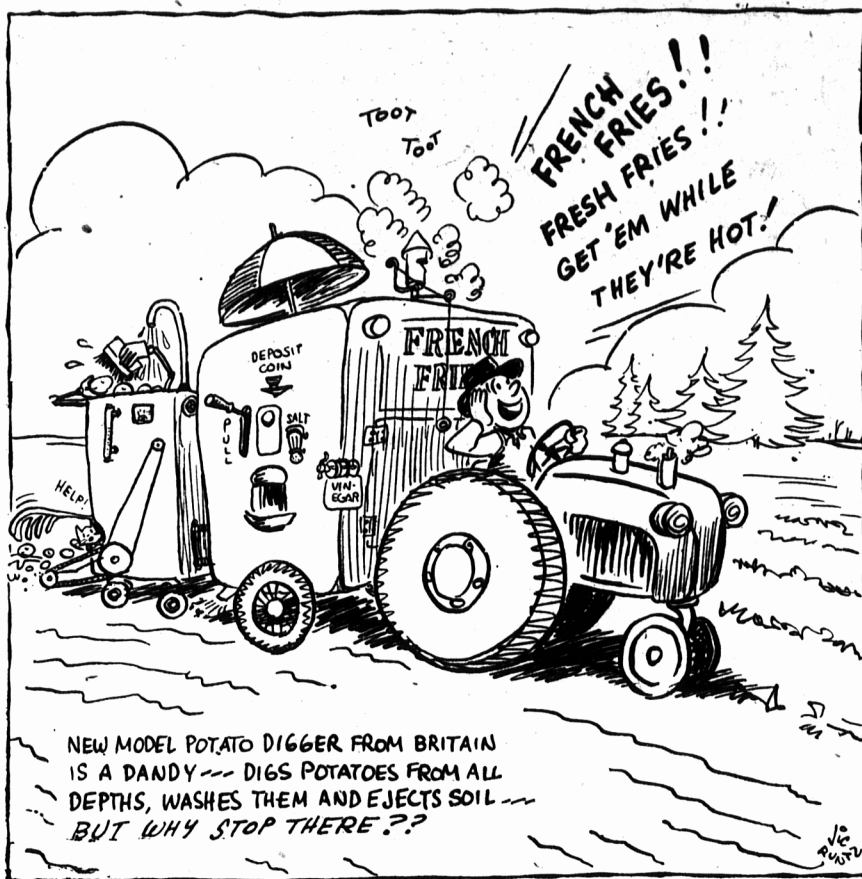
Talks will commence Thursday under the auspices of the Canada-U.S. joint industrial mobilization committee. The success or otherwise of the committee is reflected in the efficiency with which defence production is shared by the two countries. In this day and age the term defence production is necessarily very wise indeed.

The Netherlands' deficit in foreign payments having been replaced since 1951 by a surplus, that country is now expanding purchasing power and creating incentives for private investment by giving substantial tax relief to industry, trade, the direct taxpayer and the consumers of taxed goods. The policy will result in immediate budget deficits but that is expected to be more than compensated for by the results of the expansionist policy.

Eleanora Duse, Italian actress, was born this date 1859. Daughter and granddaughter of actors, she was on the stage from childhood. After a tour of South America, she formed her own company. She tired of the old-fashioned plays of Dumas and came under the influence of Ibsen and then D'Annunzio who wrote many of his plays for her. She came out of retirement in 1921 and repeated her triumphs in Italy, London and America.

Order of precedence is important to hostesses in republican United States as elsewhere and the State Department has solved one problem simply and neatly. It has ruled that the husband of a cabinet member should rank with his wife. The rule was laid down for the benefit of the husband of Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Oveta Culp Hobby. The same rule will apply to the husbands of congresswomen and senators.

Possible Further Developments



NEW MODEL POTATO DIGGER FROM BRITAIN IS A DANDY -- DIGS POTATOES FROM ALL DEPTHS, WASHES THEM AND EJECTS SOIL -- BUT WHY STOP THERE??

Old Charlottetown

THE GALE OF '79

"Yesterday morning at half-past one o'clock a most terrific storm came on from the northeast. Every hour the wind increased until six p.m., when it force gradually diminished, and lulled to a calm towards nine p.m. It was accompanied by drenching rains and overflowing tide. Vessels were dashed to pieces by the fury of the waves; wharves were shifted from their foundations; bridges were swept away; houses in many localities were unroofed and blown down, trees were uprooted and laid across the public thoroughfares, and fishing boats smashed to pieces on the beach.

"The schooner 'Henry M. Clark', Clark, master, of Gloucester, Mass., went ashore at Tignish on the south side of Myrick's fishing stage. The crew, including the captain's wife, landed after much difficulty in a surf boat. The vessel, which was loaded with potatoes by Messrs. Hall and Myrick, is a total loss. At 4 p.m. yesterday communication was entirely cut off with Tignish Run; everything at that place was apparently gone. At Casumpec and Nau Pond the damage done was very great. The beacon light at Casumpec was entirely washed away and the Government wharf was badly damaged. The three bridges at Killdare Cape were carried away as were Pope's Bridge, Big Tignish Bridge, Little Tignish Bridge and a number of others.

"The storm, along the North Side was very severe and many losses are reported. At Rustico, the schooner 'Carrie F. Butler' drifted on the bar and was dashed to pieces. The greater portion of her freight, which consisted of 300 barrels of mackerel, was lost. The schooner 'Velocity', 'Maggie', both loaded with mackerel, were driven ashore. Oyster Bed Bridge and North Rustico Bridge are so seriously damaged and many of the fishing stages were shifted. In Charlottetown Harbour the damage is not worthy of note, save a slight damage to the Southport ferry wharf. Outside the harbour about two miles west of the Back House, the schooner 'Emeline', Capt. MacDonald, from Boston with cargo of general merchandise, went ashore and will undoubtedly be a total loss.

"At St. Peter's Bay several houses and barns were unroofed, trees were uprooted, and several small casualties occurred. At Souris three small new houses, under completion, were blown down, a number of old ones were unroofed and Messrs. Stone's and J. H. McDonald's sheds were blown to pieces. The schooner 'Winnie' and another went adrift and grounded near the old breakwater. It is reported that a large number of houses and barns were unroofed at East Point.

"The storm caused much loss at Cardigan and vicinity, where the only place which remains good for shipping purposes is the wharf recently built at Cardigan Bridge. The bridge itself was broken in two parts; one part was carried about a quarter of a mile up the river and the other blown to the south side near Mr. D. Stewart's shipyard. A schooner moored at the bridge drifted up the river and stranded near Mr. Landry's; two others, both loaded with produce, are stranded high on the bank at the south side. Another schooner, also loaded with produce, is high up on the shore above the bridge. Owen's wharf is totally ruined by the tide; the covering, a large quantity of boards, shingles and limestone, were washed away and lost. Lewis' bridge, at the north side of James E. McDonald's, was entirely broken up, and a forage at the north side of the river was blown to pieces.

"Several sheds and a large barn on the Owen farm were also blown to pieces across the public roads. The damage done at Georgetown was very great, and the railway freight house was shifted from its

Notes By The Way

Luck, says a proverb, is what happens when preparation meets opportunity. —Stratford Beacon Herald.

Among women who know little about sports is Mother Nature, who makes grass so hard to grow on golf courses, and so easy on clay tennis courts. —Edmonton Journal.

All over the East doors are being slammed against immigrants. Now in the British Africa colony of Northern Rhodesia restrictions are being placed on the entry of Indians who are crossing the Indian Ocean by sea and air to try their luck in a new environment. Most of these Indians come from Bombay and the coastal districts to the north and south where the population pressure is acute and opportunities for white collar workers in particular are limited. Africa's "Indian problem" does not often appear in the headlines but it is, nevertheless, acute. In South Africa the vast Indian population stands somewhere between the whites and the blacks, complicating the racial and political problems of the country. In Kenya it is, perhaps, no exaggeration to say that the Indians are the wealthiest community in the colony. —Hamilton Spectator.

A study conducted by the Yale Center of Alcoholic Studies of the habits of undergraduates, shows that students drink or refrain according to the teaching, environment and habits of the homes from which they come. It has nothing to do with their being a college. It is the reflection of the habits of parents or guardians, the customs of the people coming into the home, and in varying degrees affected by religion, race, family income, precept and example. The same criticism applies to virtually all cases of juvenile delinquency, and possibly to many other perversions, or to unsocial behaviour in later life. The home is the most influential factor in the life of the child. It decides character and accentuates inclinations. The child who comes from a good home is a most fortunate person. —London Free Press

"Much anxiety is felt for the safety of a large number of coasting vessels which left outports on the night previous to the storm. As yet nothing has been heard of the schooner 'Enterprise', which left Rustico for this port on Wednesday. The storm was also very severe along the coast of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Messrs. Welsh and Owen's brig 'Lauretta', which arrived at Plymouth on Wednesday, dragged her anchor during the storm, and to prevent her from being blown to pieces, the captain had to cut out the mainmast." —The Examiner, Oct. 30, 1879

The Age Old Story

And beside this, giving all diligence, to add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer CONCERNING STANDARDIZATION

A prominent educator laments the current shortage of what he calls "characters", persons who don't mind being considered individualistic or even a bit odd. There will be many both within and outside academic circles who will sympathize with his view, for it can scarcely be questioned that present day society is becoming more and more standardized. The symptoms can be seen almost anywhere. In the cities new houses and other buildings follow a pattern. I saw one "project" a few months ago in which the houses—more than a hundred of them—and the front lawns were as alike as peas in a pod, and I thought at the time how difficult it would be for a man to find his own door pending the numbering of the units which had not yet been done. I didn't go in any of the houses, but ten chances to one the furniture in the various units would be pretty much alike.

In the country districts standardization is a bit more difficult but it receives a lot of attention nevertheless. If one man puts a certain kind of shingles on his roof today his pattern will almost certainly be copied by several of his neighbours before the year is out. And so with lawns, gardens, barns, and almost everything else you like to mention. There is a tendency to "follow the leader" at any cost or any inconvenience. In these purely physical things the standardizing impulse is harmless enough, except sometimes it puts people in debt unnecessarily. The result may be attractive or unattractive, according to the artistic or inartistic sense of the "leader", but usually there is no great harm done. And sometimes, it must be admitted, it brings about a good deal of necessary improvement.

In matters usually referred to as being "political" (incidentally, this is a word that is fenced in more than it ought to be) the standardizing trend is more serious. And there is no doubt at all that it exists. In fact it is so obvious that it is sheer waste of time to attend any sort of political meeting during an election contest or at any other time. And so-called "joint" meetings are worse in this respect than the other kind.

You know exactly what to expect before you go and it isn't anything very exciting. One faction takes everything the speaker says as gospel truth; the other faction doesn't believe a word of it. And if, as occasionally happens, some listener is bold enough to put forward a view of his own, without regard to the sensibilities of his particular group, he is shouted down or, what is worse, ignored. The tragedy of our politics today is not that they are corrupt, but that they are dreary. Corruption, where it exists and where there is any great popular sentiment against it, can be dealt with in a legal way. There is no known machinery to deal with dreariness.

Attend a meeting of any group and called for any purpose and you can see the standardizing machinery at work. There is an inordinate passion for unanimity. In most cases the sponsor of a resolution needs only to have it seconded. After that it can be counted on to have clear sailing. Whenever I see in the papers that a certain motion was carried unani-

The old fashioned habit of "thinking things out for oneself" is fast becoming obsolete. Day after day we are being told what we should do with our spare time, what we should read, what we should eat, what we should drink (or usually what we should not drink), what we should wear, and above all what we should think.

The directions for health, happiness, culture, scholarship, and every other attainment, are "right on the box", as it were. They are just as simple and just as readily available as the recipe for making tart. Many a man has made himself drunk, not because he particularly liked the beverage but because he wanted more than anything else in the world to be numbered among the "men of distinction".

I don't think I am especially hellacious in my manner of living but I do think that a real good argument regardless of its merits, pro or con, is an excellent tonic for the mind.

Canada's fresh-water areas constitute more than six per cent of the total area of 3,845,000 square miles.

The Poet's Corner

THE SCRIBE What lovely things thy hand hath made, The smooth-plumed bird In its emerald shade, The seed of the grass, The speck of stone Which the warfaring ant Sits, and hastes on. Though I should sit By some tarn in Thy hills, Using its ink As the spirit wills, To write of Earth's wonders Its live willed things, Fill would the ages On soundless wings Ere unto Z. My pen drew nigh, Leviathan told, And the honey-fly, And still would remain My wit to try— My worn reeds broken, The dark lam dry, All words forgotten — Thou, Lord, and I. —Walter de la Mare.

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