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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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Presidential Inauguration

The former Allied Supreme Commander in the West and Supreme Head of the North Atlantic Pact forces is to be sworn in today as President of the most powerful member nation of those whose armed forces he commanded in war and cold war.

Instead of holding a top military command responsible to the Allied Governments or Atlantic Pact Governments he becomes today the chief executive of the giant that is the United States of America.

Great tasks lie ahead of the new President. He takes over his responsibilities in a world divided. Perhaps it could be said of every President before him that the country stood at the crossroads but certainly never before has the penalty for failure appeared to be so disastrous or the rewards for success so glittering.

The ties between this country and particularly this Province and the United States are extremely close. Even in less world-shaking times we would be closely interested in events and personalities in "the States".

Fishery Possibilities

It is to be hoped that all our citizens will read and study the address of Mr. Eugene Gorman, Director of Fisheries, appearing in today's issue. His theme is the great opportunity this Province has of developing its offshore fisheries, coincident with the increasing demand for fishery products which is developing in world markets under modern processing and transportation conditions.

Already, under a policy initiated by the Provincial Department of Industry and Natural Resources, dragger operations are being conducted and their success has been phenomenal considering the comparatively few boats employed in this Province.

Farm Subsidies

Agriculture over the past fifty years has benefitted from subsidies of many kinds. In all, some \$941 million has been classified as subsidy payments on behalf of agriculture, during this period.

It is quite unlikely, says the Country Guide, that without subsidies of this varied nature and in approximately these amounts, agriculture would now have reached its present degree of efficiency.

form of agriculture is to be found. No other industry consists of so many relatively small units, or so closely combines a business with a way of living.

Disability Pensions

The proposal of Health Minister Paul Martin that a \$40 pension per month for disabled citizens can be better borne by the provinces than by the Dominion is one doubtful of enlisting anywhere near general agreement, says the Moncton Transcript.

The Atlantic Provinces in particular are certainly not endowed with bulging exchequers as are the other provinces to the westward to meet the full cost of such assistance. In fact it is extremely doubtful under present financial circumstances that they could assume even a minor part—say 10 to 25 per cent—of disability allowances.

The federal expenditures on social security measures, admittedly, are high—the Prime Minister seriously questioning that any further projects along such lines can be undertaken now.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Women are no longer underestimated by the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees and Other Transport Workers.

The cheddar type of cheese manufactured in this Province is different from the soft cheeses in which the Department of National Health found a danger to health unless made from pasteurized milk or allowed to properly ripen.

It is difficult to join in the expressions of satisfaction over a New Brunswick owned Stradivarius being safely stowed in a Bangor, Maine, bank vault.

Jonathan Pereira, English pharmacist, chemist and doctor, died this date 1853 at the age of 49. He was the originator in London of the study of materia medica—history, preparation, properties, uses and action upon the body of drugs—in the schools of pharmacy.

Furnishing and refurbishing ceremonial swords in preparation for the Coronation is keeping British sword cutlers busy, according to news flashes from Britain.

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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.

"COLD FRIDAY"

Sir.—The news item in The Guardian of January 15th, viz., "Coldest day recorded on Prince Edward Island," when 23 degrees below zero was registered, brings to the mind of the writer the legend of an older generation about the famous "Cold Friday," of the 1850's or early 60's.

Old Charlottetown

Any you ladies' aids around town want to get the lowdown on church-basement coffee, here it is in St. Catharines.

Vegetable farms produce more

Vegetable farms produce more food than any other form of farming, Mr. Walter P. Pretzer, past president of the Vegetable Growers' Association of America, told the Essex County Vegetable Growers' Association.

Presiding at the elevation of the

Presiding at the elevation of the new Cardinals to the Sacred College of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope Pius XII was robed in white with a red velvet jacket.

The Age-Old Story

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Notes By The Way

The United States Army has picked a song to be the official marching tune of the army. It is Sam H. Stepi's "The Army's Always There" and is on three months' probation.

ICE-BOAT RECOMMENDED

House of Assembly, March 15, 1832: Mr. Pope, from a committee to whom was referred the petition of David Lang, mail courier, reported as follows:

The committee, having examined the petitioner and also Charles Lord, the other contractor for the conveyance of the Winter Mail, are of opinion, that if the terms of the present contract were extended to a period of five years, and the contractors bound to provide themselves with suitable clothing of a water-proof description, to protect them from the inclemency of the weather, it would materially lessen the danger to which they are now exposed.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer THE UNFINISHED SYMPHONY

There is a touch of sadness in the little news item about Frank Grasso the distinguished orchestra leader who passed away as he was directing the rendering of a number called "The Unfinished Symphony".

There is always the hope that next time he will do it a little better, an expectation that he will capture some hitherto elusive note and send it forth on the wings of melody.

When I read the item in the papers my first thought was of Beethoven's definition of music as "a revelation of things that all wisdom and all philosophy".

Another thought is that life itself in all its diverse and changing aspects is in a sense an unfinished symphony. We spend our time in trying to capture melodies that are all around us.

The Poet's Corner

HALF A HUNDRED!

What is half a hundred! Nothing much to me. Half way on the journey through a century. Half way up a ladder, what a pleasant climb.

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