

Transportation Problems

There seems to be a more or less popular opinion abroad to the effect that the building of a causeway to link this Province with the mainland is now only a matter of time.

The announcement is encouraging—it would have been even more so if it had not been made during an election campaign—but it signifies only that an answer to the question as to whether the project is feasible is at long last to be sought in earnest.

Meanwhile, it would be a mistake to assume that our transportation problems are on the way to being solved once and for all. Even if the causeway project is found to be feasible and undertaken with dispatch it will be years—five years as a minimum, more likely longer—before it can be completed.

Well, the criticism seems to have softened in recent days. Some of Mr. Dulles' more outspoken critics are saying now that he should stay in office, at least until the expected summit meeting has been held.

Strange Union

A glance at a map of the Middle East reveals the puzzling character of the political union of Egypt and Syria under the high-sounding name of the "United Arab Republic"—a misnomer, since for the time being at least republican signs are lacking, all power having been placed in the hands of President Nasser.

Egypt has a population of 23 millions and an area of 386,000 square miles. Syria's population is around 4 millions, and its area is about 70,000 square miles. This disparity in area and population would seem to suggest a taking over of Syria by Egypt rather than a union; though, curiously enough, it was the Syrians who were the more interested in bringing about the compact.

Again, the two countries making up the union have no common frontier. Israel, Lebanon and Jordan—all more or less unfriendly—lie between them. From this angle it is as if Prince Edward Island entered into a union with Manitoba; more irrational, indeed, since no unfriendly territory lies between this Island and Manitoba.

From an economic standpoint, it is difficult to see how either country will profit from the union. As far as the masses are concerned, their respective standards of living are extremely low; and neither Egypt nor Syria has any great scope for long-term economic development.

In the last six months of 1957 the United States Government disposed of \$591 million worth of surplus farm products. About half of this volume was sold for foreign currencies. At the end of the year Federal funds totalling more than \$7 billion were tied up one way and another in farm surpluses, a 12 1/2 per cent decrease from the previous year.

In the area. This could be the case, in view of the economic and political hold which the Russians already have taken on both Egypt and Syria.

Keen Civic Contest

There are no acclamations in today's civic election. Not since the year 1946 has there been such keen competition for civic honors, with contests for the Mayoralty, for the Water Commission and for the Council in every Ward.

Their attitude is a challenge to the electors to discharge the duties incumbent upon them, in turning out in large numbers at the polls. And while voting is important, it is even more important that the vote reflect the public interest and intelligent choice of the electorate.

Bad Diplomacy

Mr. John Foster Dulles has good reason to chuckle to himself these days; for, indirectly, he has received help from an unexpected quarter.

For some time now Mr. Dulles has been under severe criticism at home as well as in friendly countries—not to mention the unfriendly ones. Several United States Congressmen have stated publicly that in their opinion Mr. Dulles' usefulness as Secretary of State had come to an end.

Well, the criticism seems to have softened in recent days. Some of Mr. Dulles' more outspoken critics are saying now that he should stay in office, at least until the expected summit meeting has been held.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Whatever else the summer of 1958 may have in store for a distraught world, it's going to bring a big invasion of gashoppers to Canada, the biggest since 1951—so the entomologists say.

THE WORLD GETTING WARMER

Over the last 40 or 50 years the earth has been getting warmer. The change is gradual and there have been short-term reverses, but science has proved grandfathers correct: Today's winters are not as cold as those he knew as a boy.

Warmer weather has both advantages and disadvantages. A New Yorker who awakes to the liquid cadences of the mockingbird, once the avian symbol of the south, or the Canadian wheat grower who finds farming possible 50 miles north of the former limit may be delighted.

In the last six months of 1957 the United States Government disposed of \$591 million worth of surplus farm products. About half of this volume was sold for foreign currencies. At the end of the year Federal funds totalling more than \$7 billion were tied up one way and another in farm surpluses, a 12 1/2 per cent decrease from the previous year.



THE ABOMINABLE 'NO' MAN

OTTAWA REPORT

Too Many Absentees

Ottawa: The black sheep members of parliament, who are in parliament most often in name only, came in for the usual criticism in the session just ended.

Merwyn Johnson, the C.C.F. member for Kindersley, Sask., introduced a bill to provide that M.P.s attending in the Commons each day should be listed, and their names printed in the official Hansard report of the proceedings of the House.

He poured shame on what he called "The T. to T. Boys", who show up in Ottawa on Tuesdays and leave again on Thursdays for a long weekend at home.

Speaking on this bill, which was "talked out", Gordon Churchill, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, pointed out that many M.P.s do much of their best work outside Parliament, especially among their constituents.

Dr. P.B. Rynard, Conservative member for Simcoe East, urged M.P.s to take time to visit their constituents, and reminded them, "Let us never get away from the little fellow back home, who works and toils to make Canada what it is today, and who pays our salaries in this House of Commons."

THE AGE OLD STORY

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains; for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

OUR YESTERDAYS

Twenty-five years ago (Feb. 12, 1933) An interesting programme has been arranged for the formal opening ceremony of the new Prince of Wales College which will take place in the College auditorium on Thursday, February 16.

VALUE OF SUBSOILER

Sir,—Having read the interesting article in your issue of Feb. 7th, 1958, "Turning Plough Out-dated", I wish to state that for the past eight years I have been using a subsoiler manufactured by the John Deere Company with marvellous results.

I have used the subsoiler between the rows of cabbage and carrots, with as good results as potatoes. It loosens the soil around the roots and lets the water down.

Ten years ago (Feb. 12, 1948) Four new City Councillors will be sworn in by Mayor B. Earle MacDonald as a result of yesterday's civic election.

Five of the Mount Pleasant airport buildings have been purchased by the Department of Recon-

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.

APRECIATION

Sir,—I would like to add my sincere congratulations to the many which you have received on your excellent "Fisheries Edition 1958", published on January 31st.

While the sea has always been an important source of food and income to the people of the Island, many parts of Canada, are only now becoming aware of the sea as an increasingly important source of sustenance.

LIBERALS NOTICE AWAY

While attendance for the whole House averaged 68 per cent, the scantily-occupied Liberal seats were always glaringly evident. Average attendance was only 51 per cent for the whole Liberal Party, and it was a sub-standard 48 per cent for the two-thirds of the party representing Quebec ridings.

Naturally the best Liberal attendance records were put up by M.P.s from the furthest points, who cannot be "T. to T. Boys". Newfoundland members recorded 77 per cent attendance; B.C. 73 per cent; Nova Scotia 72 per cent; and at the other end of the scale, Ontario 57 per cent.

Right Hon. Louis St. Laurent set his followers a magnificent example, missing only one vote which fell on his 76th birthday. But that example was, notoriously ignored by two Quebec Liberals who did not attend even one vote; by thirteen others who attended only one, two or three votes; and by twenty-one more who attended between four and six votes.

The roll-call at a vote normally represents the peak attendance on any day. About one-quarter of those numbers are normally in the Chamber together during an average debate. But here there was one very marked change in the session just ended. Interest was very much higher than at any time since the war, and attention—if not attendance—was very much increased.

THE AGE OLD STORY

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains; for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

OUR YESTERDAYS

Twenty-five years ago (Feb. 12, 1933) An interesting programme has been arranged for the formal opening ceremony of the new Prince of Wales College which will take place in the College auditorium on Thursday, February 16.

I have used the subsoiler between the rows of cabbage and carrots, with as good results as potatoes. It loosens the soil around the roots and lets the water down.

Ten years ago (Feb. 12, 1948) Four new City Councillors will be sworn in by Mayor B. Earle MacDonald as a result of yesterday's civic election.

Five of the Mount Pleasant airport buildings have been purchased by the Department of Recon-

Non - Smokers Rarely Stricken

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. DOCTORS can argue all they want about whether smoking causes cancer. But there is virtually no argument that smoking is involved in thromboangitis (sq) obliterans.

This often incapacitating ailment, which you probably will recognize by the more common name—Buerger's disease—rarely strikes nonsmokers.

Buerger's disease is an inflammatory process in the blood vessels, usually in the legs or arms. It is confined almost exclusively to men between the ages of 21 and 45.

While we can't say definitely that smoking is the only cause, we do know that smoking constricts the blood vessels. We also know that the symptoms generally disappear when the patient stops smoking.

The first symptoms generally are a tingling sensation and a feeling of burning or coldness in the affected limb. While they usually are so mild at the beginning that they may be ignored, they become more serious as the disease progresses.

If the disease attacks your legs, sooner or later it will make walking extremely difficult. As it advances, you will be able to walk less and less.

When resting The legs probably will pain even when you are resting. Often you will notice a dull aching at night.

To get relief, hang the foot outside the covers and over the edge of the bed. If that doesn't help, walking around the room might alleviate the ache.

A victim of Buerger's disease must take extremely good care of his hands and feet to avoid reduction of the flow of blood and development of gangrene.

For example, you should wear wool socks and soft shoes that fit well.

USE WARM WATER Wash your hands and feet in warm water that is neither too hot nor too cold. After washing, always rub the area gently with olive oil or some other ointment designed to keep the skin soft.

There are other precautions which I will tell you about in another column. But the two most important rules I can give to anyone with Buerger's disease are:

1. See your doctor and follow his instructions. 2. Absolutely no smoking.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

C.B.: Recently I have been getting a burning of the eyes. Would this be caused by a vitamin deficiency?

Answer: Burning of the eyes can be due to an allergy, infection, a growth in the ear, to a lack of vitamins, or to anemia or tuberculosis.

The Poet's Corner

LOSS There was a day, an hour there was, a smile Of time, when I was friendly with all earth.

And that first star which now is slow to rise Was unprofaned religion, feast of light

On this dark windowsill. There was, I feel, There was a unity of beauty, once.

My own, then fragrant & torn. I now in vain Am looking at man's fingers, for I know

All grace was touch; am searching into eyes Before they yield to night's all-dimming power.

For I recall all purity was vision. I have lost something, I have lost forever, And, to my fuller death, I do not know

What it is; it seemed more than peace and sleep. And little less than God's infinity. —Joseph Tusiani in the New York Herald-Tribune.

OUR YESTERDAYS

Twenty-five years ago (Feb. 12, 1933) An interesting programme has been arranged for the formal opening ceremony of the new Prince of Wales College which will take place in the College auditorium on Thursday, February 16.

I have used the subsoiler between the rows of cabbage and carrots, with as good results as potatoes. It loosens the soil around the roots and lets the water down.

Ten years ago (Feb. 12, 1948) Four new City Councillors will be sworn in by Mayor B. Earle MacDonald as a result of yesterday's civic election.

Five of the Mount Pleasant airport buildings have been purchased by the Department of Recon-

NOTES BY THE WAY

Man always falls for delusions. We know one who bought an alarm clock which the clerk promised would make waking up a pleasure.—Brandon Sun

Long years ago, Grandpa blew out the gas—and nowadays his grandsons are achieving similar results by stepping on it.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

In this country capital punishment has strong support for perhaps the only reason it can be supported: The evidence is that it acts as a murder deterrent. That some murderers say they never thought of the punishment does not rule out avoidance of many crimes of violence by persons who did.—Windsor Star

An air raid warning moaned its eerie signal through Vancouver's downtown area. It was only a false alarm but thousands who heard it looked at each other and wondered for a few moments whether it was the real thing.

struction of the Province at a total cost of \$6,481.72. Eight other buildings were bought by the Dominion Department of Mines and Resources for \$6,319.58, and one building has been acquired by Oscar MacNeill at a cost of \$1,500.

WANTS TO PLAY TORONTO (CP)—Kevin Karner, 11-year-old schoolboy injured in a hockey accident last week, learned Sunday that he is no longer blind.

BACALL SEEKS MATE BOSTON (AP)—Movie actress Lauren Bacall, whose husband, Humphrey Bogart, died more than a year ago, said Monday she wants to get married again.

REPAIRS We repair Washing Machines, Electric Motors and all Appliances. MARTIN'S ELECTRIC PHONE 3727

Precise PRESCRIPTION SERVICE RELIABLE PRESCRIPTIONS THE JENKINS PHARMACY

FIRST The original mutual investment fund in Canada is CANADIAN INVESTMENT FUND

EASTERN SECURITIES COMPANY LIMITED 146 Richmond St., Charlottetown

FOR TRANSPORTATION TO THE POLLS CALL McCORMAC 6501

Colds And Sickness Are Expensive DON'T TAKE CHANCES

We have a complete assortment in sizes of Car Coats, Parkas, Heavy Quilted Lined Coats, Underwear and Sweaters, Heavy Fleece Lined, Lightweight Men's and Women's and Children's Over-shoes and Snow Boots.

K & R SHOES AND WORK CLOTHES 158 Queen St. Charlottetown Dial 5312

Invest in Canada's Largest Mutual Fund In one simple step you can become part owner in over 100 widely diversified and selected securities. It's your advantage to contact your Investors Syndicate representative for full details. G. F. Cameron District Manager Summerside J. C. Montgomery Representative Charlottetown Investor syndicate of Canada UNGRADED EGGS Our paying price to producers for ungraded eggs delivered Charlottetown today is— Grade A Large ... Grade A Medium ... Grade A Small ... Grade B ... Grade C ... Cracks For quick payment and prompt return of empty cases, ship your eggs to CANADA PACKERS LIMITED Charlottetown