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Airport Deadlock

There will be great disappointment with the attitude of the Federal Government with regard to the proposed runway extension for the Charlottetown Airport. After the approval of Transport Minister Chevrier, subject to favourable reports by Departmental engineers, followed by such favorable reports, the City is calmly told that approval of the extension is subject to the condition that the City take over the full responsibility of operating and maintaining the airport.

That condition is, of course, equivalent to outright refusal of the extension for our City Council is certainly not a body designed for airport operation. It is a field requiring specialized knowledge and great resources both of money and experience.

Vancouver, a far larger city than Charlottetown, is finding that it cannot satisfactorily administer such an airport and certainly Charlottetown cannot be expected to undertake a responsibility comparable to the sum total of all other civic responsibilities.

The Charlottetown airport is a vital part of the nation's communication, as well as those of the city and Province. This country requires airfields capable of handling the regular and emergency landing of modern aircraft and Charlottetown is a central point for the whole of the Atlantic Provinces. It is, in addition, relatively free from fog and is usually open when other fields are ruled out by weather conditions. A re-consideration of the Government's attitude would seem to be very much in order, and it is to be hoped that the City Council will have the full support of the Provincial Government and Legislature in obtaining this result.

A Resilient Industry

The dairy industry took a lot of hard knocks during the past year but the meetings yesterday of the Prince Edward Island Dairymen's Association indicates that dairymen know how to stand up to such blows and counter attack. By means of a vigorous promotional campaign the consumption of dairy products has been increased. At the same time dairymen are constantly seeking ways of making their industry more efficient.

To a greater extent than ever farmers are growing their own feed and conserving it by such means as silos and well-planned barns. Costs are kept down, in the face of rising prices, by careful breeding and by getting the greatest possible results from the expenditure of labour.

The importance of the dairy industry warrants every possible effort to keep it solvent and highly developed. As pointed out by President R. Allison Proffitt referring to the increasing competition from various substitutes for high quality dairy products, "A city worker with a job, getting good wages, is in a much better position to buy good dairy products than to buy the cheapest of these substitutes without a job."

These substitutes may or may not be of equal food value to the traditional products made from milk but they have no right to masquerade as products which are known and favoured by the public and whose purity is protected by stiff regulations and inspection at every stage of production. Above all they contribute nothing to the fertility of the soil on which the continued life, not to mention prosperity, of the nation depends.

Spuds In New Attire

Two of the Island's basic farm industries may be concerned in the production of a new delicacy which is being tested at the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa. This is cheese-coated potato chips, which according to a Government release have proved popular with a tasting panel to whom they were submitted. Powdered skim milk cheese, dusted on the chips and heated about three minutes at 350 to 400 degrees F., proved the most satisfactory processing method. Skim milk cheese adhered to the surface of the chip whereas fatty cheese did not. Chips coated with liquid cheese were unattractive in appearance and taste. The cheese flavour combined well with the flavor of the potato chip and in the case of the skim milk cheese coating the chips were attractive in appearance, particularly

when toasted. Other methods have been developed experimentally at Ottawa to give the chips candy and chocolate coatings to further increase their popularity. Nine recipes gave desirable coatings. These were white powdered sugar, caramel, molasses, molasses and peppermint, peanut taffy, spice, corn syrup candies, and nut brittle, maple and lemon candy glazes. It was found that the coatings had to be applied at temperatures above 180 F., or transfer of moisture from the candy to the chip resulted in a soggy confection. The candies were applied by cooking the mixes in double boilers with oil as a heating medium. After being poured into greased trays to cool and harden, the candy was ground to a fine powder and mixed with non-salted, fried potato chips until the chips were given a thorough coating. These can be used as powdered chips or further treated to give them a glazed, candied surface. Chocolate coated chips are made simply by dipping the unsalted chips in a semi-sweet baker's chocolate at 80 to 85 degrees F.

These experiments are of interest as indicating the continued popularity of the potato chip, which is now rated among "the ten top snack foods." As early as 1950 factory sales of potato chips and flakes, in Canada, totalled 3 1/4 million dollars, while in the United States the cash value of chips produced in 1951 was almost 185 million dollars. More recent figures would probably be still more impressive. The possibilities of the newer processing methods involved in cheese- and candy-coated chips might be worth looking into by our Island producers.

EDITORIAL NOTES

That good fences make good neighbours seems to be as true about fishermen as farmers. Giving the druggers and other larger vessels a strict inshore limit would certainly help to maintain good relations with inshore fishermen.

The move to revive interest in Arbor Day in the schools is an excellent way of stimulating interest in their community on the part of the youngsters. The placing of trees today, however, will require a good deal more consideration than when the programme was begun many years ago.

It is a criticism of some governments that they will go no further than they are forced by popular insistence. On that basis there would certainly be no electoral reform here. It is to be hoped, however, that the Legislature will deal with the Election Act on its merits despite popular apathy.

The wilful breakage of insulators on a power line has made it necessary to cut off power west of Bonshaw to effect repairs. It is one of the more obvious temptations for youngsters to throw stones at the glass insulators. For that very reason, parents should make a point of impressing its seriousness upon small children.

Philip Guedalla, English biographer, was born this date 1889. His "Supers and Supermen" was followed by lives of Palmerston, Wellington and Gladstone, all highly individual contributions to the history of the nineteenth century. During the Second World War he published a penetrating sketch of Mr. Winston Churchill and a study of British air strategy in the Middle East.

Underwriters are showing practical recognition of careful and accident-free drivers by cutting their premiums 20 per cent on public liability and property coverage. For too long insurance has been a means by which careless drivers placed the burden of their damage on other shoulders. In future accident-prone motorists will have to pay for their lack of care in higher premiums.

"Business-like efficiency, however necessary to the scientist in certain phases of his work, isn't the highest form of scientific activity," observes Dr. N. Tinbergen speaking in the BBC's Third Programme about Dr. Konrad Lorenz and his recently published book on animal behaviour, "King Solomon's Ring." "New ideas, new lines of thought, come only when the brain is free to play about with the data it has at its disposal. The scientist must have leisure to 'turn things over' in his mind. To see him do so is not an impressive sight, it's true. It's scarcely distinguishable from sheer laziness. Ideas may even come during sleep—and Konrad Lorenz is well aware of this. It's only by the final result that one can distinguish between the lazy man and the leisurely thinker. I've worked in close touch with Lorenz during about fifteen years, and I think this is the most valuable thing I learned from him. His example brought me back from an ant-like existence to that of a more normal human being."

The Island Industrialists Gather



The Poet's Corner

GADARA Shoulder to shoulder, firmly pressing forward, Ranks close-locked, from vanward to the rear, Steadfast in courage, steadfast in loyalty, The strong swine of Gadara know not any fear. A lone voice lifted, a lone voice calling, A lone voice warning of something seen ahead, Stern swine of Gadara turn upon the traitor, Silence him, savage him, and leave him there for dead. Strong again in confidence, strong again in loyalty, From cowardice and treachery and fear set free; Shoulder to shoulder, fiercely pressing forward, The swift swine of Gadara go rushing to the sea. —W. N. Ewer.

Strange Rents And Dues Paid To Queen

As her royal British young Queen Elizabeth II recently claimed from a fish market a 40-pound sturgeon, one of the tastier tidbits due a sovereignty which accepts a multitude of odd tributes. As the sturgeon is a royal fish, reserved for the Queen, so is the swan a royal bird, says the National Geographic Society. For centuries no one could own swans without royal permission. No one that is, except the Worshipful Company of Vintners and the Worshipful Company of Dyers who told Edward IV in the 15th century they would not lend him the money he sought unless he allowed them to own swans. Now every year there is a "Swan Upping" or swan roundup, on the River Thames to see which birds are the sovereign's and which belong to the Vintners and Dyers.

Less savory royal animals are whales, porpoises and dolphins that are washed ashore. Although not likely to be claimed at the palace, a dead porpoise caused a clash recently between a British beachcomber who wished to keep the premises clean and customs authorities who refused to let him meddle with Crown property. Over the centuries British monarchs have demanded some bizarre rental fees. The Dukes of Marlborough and Wellington, for instance, retained their estates by delivering annually to the Queen flag symbolic of their ancestors' military victories. Her Scottish bodyguard, the Royal Company of Archers, presents a pair of barbed arrows for right of access to archery grounds.

A snowball delivered in summer-time is rent for the Scottish estate of Powla, and a mere blast on a horn pays for the Forest of Savernake. As dues for the manors of Cabilla and Pengelly the Queen gets a grey cloak, while two white greyhounds are rent for the estate of Eberky. Other tributes include red and white roses, a salmon spear, an ivory cup, even a bed of straw. When she visits Winnipeg in Canada, Queen Elizabeth receives the traditional Hudson's Bay tribute of two elk heads and two black beaver skins. Whenever Her Majesty desires a herring pie, the City of Yarmouth must supply the herrings. Should she visit the district of Kidwelly Castle, its lord must furnish a knight in full armor as a bodyguard. The land of Braxide must bring to her Scottish Palace of Holyroodhouse a basin of rose-water to wash the Queen's hands. If she crosses the English Channel the owner of Archer's Court, Kent, must accompany her with a silver bowl in case she becomes seasick. Probably the item the Queen will least need on the morning of her coronation is a pair of falcons, but the Duke of Atholl and the Earl of Surrey each can claim the right

Notes By The Ways

In a way, it's a pity that Georgi Malenkov was appointed the new Russian leader. Such terms as "Stalinism," "Trotskyism," and "Titoism" are not too hard to handle, but "Malenkovism" is awkward, and "Malenkovist" almost impossible. —Ottawa Citizen.

Nearly all the fighting men of the recent war and at any rate the more tolerant of their leaders will welcome the government's decision to call off the hunt for the wartime deserters. War bears unequally upon mankind, and many of those who break under the strain deserve compassion even more than correction. —London Times.

Announcement by Education Minister W. C. Dunlop that the Province will give assistance to parents in paying for special education to backward children will mean so much to these families. It will be a great mental, as well as financial, relief to these people to know someone is interested. Families in this position bear a heavy burden indeed. They want to do their best for such handicapped children and know that much can be done. But it requires specialized attention, and is costly. To the degree it can make such children self-supporting in later life, it is a good — and humane — investment. —Windsor Star.

One of the more cheerful items in the crime news of the moment tells of the English burglar who would have got away had he not stopped to save the life of the policeman chasing him. The policeman was pursuing the burglar over the roof of a London building when he slipped. Looking back, the burglar saw the policeman faced a fifty-foot fall to the street. He went back and hauled him to safety. Then the policeman arrested him and afterward the burglar was sentenced to one year in jail. Rolite people the English, and also strong on the law. —Amherst News and Sentinel.

The Saskatchewan government's compulsory car insurance premium was recently doubled. Now a new rate has been announced for the "package" policy which supplements the compulsory insurance, extending the coverage. The new rate on this package policy has been widely heralded by the government as a "reduction." It is \$16 a year, compared with \$17.50 last year. But in small type at the bottom of the announcement it states whereas the old policy had a \$25-deductible collision clause, the new policy's deductible clause is \$50. If the motorist wants \$25 deductible, he will pay the extra \$9. What cost \$17.50 last year will cost \$26 this year. That's supposed to be a reduction. —Calgary Albertan.

During recent weeks there have been accidents caused by automobiles striking deer upon roads. And it will not be long now until cattle are out to pasture, with some of them breaking over a fence to get on a highway. There is only one safe way to avoid accidents when such animals are seen on the road. That is to slow down, or even stop, until they get off. Blowing the horn at them, while maintaining speed, is just an invitation to a mishap. Animals only become scared and confused by the blast of a horn, and are just as apt to run in front of the automobile as to give her two of the hunting birds at that time. The Queen must give as well as receive. From her the Dean of Westminster can demand wine, fish and bread on her coronation day, and the boys of Westminster School have traditional right to Abbey seats for the ceremony. In fact, they are the first to cheer the sovereign after the crowning. The Queen must pay a golden horseshoe as toll upon passing through a certain rural village, and on Monday Thursday the customarily distributes specially minted money to as many needy persons as there are years in her age

Old Charlottetown

BEAR HUNT "Several deprecations having been lately committed by a bear, in the vicinity of Acorn's Mill, on Lot 49, a party set out in pursuit of him on Tuesday last. He was tracked for some distance, and at last discovered in an open wood, which was immediately surrounded. The first of the party who came upon him was Mr. Philip Lane, who, although armed with no other weapon than a stout stick, commenced the attack by striking him a violent blow on the head. Bruin, however, nothing daunted, immediately came to close quarters, a mode of combat which his adversary not altogether relishing, endeavored to make his escape, but unluckily stumbled and fell. The bear instantly seized hold of one of his legs, which he severely injured before assistance arrived. Bruin in his turn then endeavored to fly, but it was too late. His retreat was cut off, and he was speedily despatched. He was in excellent condition, and on cutting him up, a musket bullet was found lodged in his neck, which showed that this had not been his first encounter with the lords of creation." —Royal Gazette, Oct. 9, 1832.

The Age-Old Story

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. . . . And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer

There is an old couplet that runs like this: "If 'ifs' and 'ands' were pots and pans, what would tinkers do?" The answer, of course, is that they would have to find some other way of making a living, or go hungry for there would be a world surplus of pots and pans. The "ifs" themselves would provide plenty of tin-ware to go round without counting the "ands" at all. There can be few words in the English language that are used more often.

The couplet came to my mind the other day when I heard one man say to another: "If I had some job different from the one I have I would get along better." It is true that some men are trying to do things for which they are not fitted either by skill or temperament. They are, as the saying goes, "square pegs in round holes." In the main, however, it is not the job itself that is to blame when things go wrong, but the amount of energy and devotion that one puts into it. Contentment is more a matter of the inner self than of any particular outward condition of life. "When we cannot find contentment in ourselves," said La Rochefoucauld, "it is vain to seek it elsewhere. Happiness lies in the taste and not in things."

It is easy to imagine that there is much glamour in work which other people are doing and very little or none at all in our own. That sort of imaginativeness is probably as old as the human race itself, and it has not been without its compensations in the historic process of man's development. More often than not, however, it hinders more than it helps.

Centuries ago Marcus Aurelius defined a good man as one "who rejoices at the portion given him in the universal lot and abides therein content." Then he added: "If thou workest at that which is before thee, following right reason seriously, calmly, without allowing anything else to distract thee; if thou holdest to this, fearing nothing, but satisfied with thy present activity according to Nature, and with heroic truth in every word and sound which thou utterest, thou wilt be happy." Bible readers will recall that St. Paul expressed something of the same thought: "I have learned, in whatever state of life I am, therewith to be content."

A great many people imagine they could do great things if there were not so many annoying obstacles in the way, if the road to achievement did not have so many twists and turns. This is one of the more common "ifs" and "ands" that are added, one of the very foolish ones. It would take quite a bulky book to record the many instances where obstacles acted as incentives rather than as deterrents to success. I can mention here only a few of the more notable ones that come to mind. The immortal "Pilgrim's Progress"

was written by a man who at the time was imprisoned in a dungeon. "Paradise Lost," which will live so long as there is any imagination left in the human race, was written by a blind man. Beethoven composed his best music during the time when he was almost totally deaf.

Tolstoy, one of the great novelists of all time, experienced more than a normal share of tragedy. Abraham Lincoln might have done as well had he been born to luxury and ease instead of to near poverty, but certainly he would not have done any better. The story of his life is one historic proof of the wisdom of a statement attributed to William James, "Our infirmities help us unexpectedly." In our own time the spirit in which the late President Roosevelt met and conquered physical disability aroused the admiration of the whole world. And, somehow, we cannot imagine that Helen Keller would have shown the world such an overflowing measure of genius had she not been afflicted with blindness and deafness.

Like everybody else I have met a lot of cheerful people in my time, as well as a lot of gloomy ones. Right out in front among the cheerful ones I place a man who for twenty years had been altogether helpless in a physical sense. Whenever I think of him I think also of some words by a philosopher whose name I do not recall: "Some people are always grumming because roses have thorns. I am thankful that thorns have roses."

Strange how so many people covet positions of what they call "authority". If only they could exercise power, however slight, over others, their cup of joy would be full and running over. The fact is that very few among us have the ability to lead, much less command, and the tragedy is that many people find themselves in possession of a little brief authority without having the slightest idea of how to use it. Doubtless, there are crew members in the ship of life who, if they had their just reward, would be captains, just as there are captains who would be more useful as deck hands. There are inequities in life which none can explain and we may as well accept them and make the best of them. The important thing is not the task we set, but the one we have. As the old jingle puts it: "We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew. There's something for all of us here. There's big work to do and there's lesser to do. And the task we must do is the near."

ESPING, England (CP) — inmates of a model prison for women in this Essex district are allowed hair curlers, lipstick and a choice of five colors of linen dresses.

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