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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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The Premier's Anniversary

It was ten years ago yesterday that Premier Jones assumed office, and since that time he has led his party successfully in three general elections. Few men in public life can point to such an achievement, and it is a matter of great satisfaction that after a decade of strenuous service as government leader he enjoys to the full his oldtime health and vigour.

The Premier was a man of mark and distinction before he entered politics, in the two important fields of education and agriculture. Since that time other well merited awards have come to him, including the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Laws from Acadia University, where previously he had obtained his Master of Arts degree in Economics. He has continued to score outstanding successes as a livestock breeder, his Holstein herd at Bunbury being famous throughout the continent. Few of our government leaders have travelled so extensively, or have been on terms of personal intimacy with so many leading figures in other Provinces and in the United States. And he has left the stamp of his personality not only on his administration, but on everything to which he has set his capable hands and mind.

For all the Premier's success in public life he can hardly be described as a model politician. The fact is that he could never adapt himself to run conveniently in the harness of partisan politics. He was too big to fit the shafts, or to be driven in any other direction than the way he wanted to go. At times he has not only amazed his opponents, but horrified some of his colleagues by outspoken utterances from which they anticipated dire consequences at the polls. But when the chips were down and the score was tallied it was they and not the Premier who were found to be out in their calculations. They are still wondering how he did it.

This is not an obituary, and there is no need to deal at further length with one who is still so potently with us. It may be remarked, however, that for more than two years the Premier's name has been associated with the vacant Senate seat in this Province and that on all counts he is the one best qualified and most entitled to receive the appointment. It is customary for Senate vacancies to be filled before the Government goes to the country. If the Federal election, as rumored, is to be in August, then we may expect the appointment very shortly. We do not know the Premier's mind on the subject but it is a pretty safe bet that he will have the first offer of the Island seat, if he has not already been tendered it. We may be losing him sooner than we think. In any case the situation as it stands lends added emphasis to his decade of leadership, and to the opportunity this occasion presents of congratulating him most warmly and wishing him, personally, every good thing which the fates and powers-that-be may have in store. May his shadow never grow less!

For Better Trade Relations

The proposed new Canada-U.S. joint board to resolve trade grievances is necessary in spite of affirmations by President Eisenhower and some members of his administration on behalf of wider trade between the United States and the rest of the world. Actual policies, unfortunately, are working steadily in the opposite direction. This is not a new phenomenon. The previous regime found itself at odds with the Congress in the matter of dairy products quotas which were clearly a violation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The new administration finds itself working with a Congress even more determined to limit executive action when directed toward better trade relations with other countries.

One significant development is noted in the Ottawa Citizen. While the President has asked Congress to renew the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act for a single year, pending a "thorough and comprehensive" re-examination of U. S. economic foreign policy, the bill now actually before Congress is hedged about with limitations and restrictions. Some of the proposed measures, like the quotas on cheese and other dairy products, conflict with the provisions of GATT, to which the U. S. government is a signatory.

Hitherto, the Canadian Government has

refrained from retaliation. The temptation no doubt has been great, but it has resisted pressure, contenting itself with keeping Washington constantly informed on its views—which at times, have been expressed bluntly. The board now proposed should serve a very useful purpose in ironing out these contentious issues.

Banks And The Community

The publication of a picture of an eight-dollar note of the Summerside Bank shows the contrast between banking in the early days and at the present time. The growth of the great chartered banks has brought with it an enormous gain in security. The resources of any of the present Canadian banks make it almost unthinkable that there should be a failure with consequent loss to depositors.

Other advantages include the superior banking service made possible by banks which have branches in almost every Canadian community and in different parts of the world. The manager of a tiny branch in a small community can place at the service of his customers all the resources of a great financial organization. Funds may be readily utilized in localities where they are in demand and drawn from those districts where deposits exceed requests for loans.

The latter characteristic, however, has its dangers. When a bank must find a local use for local deposits it tends to seek out investments for any surplus funds. An obligation is on the manager of a branch bank to go as far as possible in the same direction. When deposits exceed loans, as they customarily do in this Province, bankers do a very important service to their community by giving active encouragement to new local enterprises and to the expansion of existing ones.

EDITORIAL NOTES

No less than 18,500 jobs open for the 11,000 university graduates is an encouraging estimate by Labour Minister Gregg. The small surplus of graduates in agriculture would soon be taken up if all provinces made a point of using the full amount of the funds voted for agriculture.

An accident which may mean a dented fender to a car driver can well mean injury or death to a motor cyclist. Both drivers of these light vehicles and car drivers should bear that in mind and use even greater care than when only cars are involved.

Lincoln Ellsworth, American explorer, was born this date 1880. He supported Amundsen and accompanied him on his first polar flight, 1925; and in the following year in the airship "Norge" from Spitsbergen to Alaska. He recorded his experiences in "First Crossing of the Polar Sea" and "Beyond the Horizon."

The world is getting warmer and it is man who is causing the change, the American Geophysical Union was told recently. Dr. Gilbert Plass of Johns Hopkins University claims that the carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere by industrial activity is raising the average temperature at the rate of 1 1/2 degrees per century. At that rate we should be in the banana belt within the next millennium.

Reports from Brantford, Ont., say the Mississauga Indians, who once owned the land on which Toronto stands, have been receiving an annual payment of about \$1,600, representing the interest on money paid to them for the land. The payment has now been cut off, with Ottawa government officials hinting that the annual grant has been spent in social service work, relief and better roads for the Mississauga tribe.

A visitor to this country, Mr. Spyros Markezinis, Greek Minister of Economic Coordination and Economic Planning, is the driving force in the Rally Government. The further devaluation of Greek currency and proposed Greek registration of all ships owned by Greek citizens are two of many decisive steps being taken to put that country on its feet economically. Canadians admired Greek fighting ability in war and have no less reason to continue their admiration in time of relative peace.

"The Crownsnest", magazine of the R. C. N., notes that the confusion is now ended about the terms "square rig", "round rig" and "fore-and-aft rig" as applied to naval uniforms. The square rig, states the new Manual of Seamanship (Vol. 2) referring to naval slang, is the uniform of a seaman or stoker below the rate of petty officer. Fore-and-aft rig, similarly, is the dress of chiefs and petty officers and men not dressed as seamen. "Round rig", of which much was heard a few years ago, is roundly ignored

New Worlds To Conquer



PUBLIC FORUM

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PROMPT SERVICE APPRECIATED

Sir—The following extract from a letter recently received by the present writer from a long absent brother in California may be of interest to your readers, and may be especially appreciated by P. E. Island government officials, who, I judge, in the course of their duties receive their full share of criticism from the public whom they serve. "Harbour City, California, May 4th, 1953. "Dear Brother, "I received your letter a few days ago and as you predicted my birth certificate arrived two days later. I must congratulate you on the fact that your public servants on P. E. Island are prompt in attending to their duties for which they are paid, as evidenced by the celerity with which they sent me the information regarding the conditions for obtaining the certificate, and then sent it to me when the conditions were complied with—an agreeable contrast to the tardiness of the California Motor Vehicle Department. I sent to the Motor Vehicle Department some time ago (April 12th) for a photostatic copy of my "driver's license" with the intention of sending it to you (as one of two documents required for obtaining a birth certificate). It did not arrive until the very day that the birth certificate arrived. Now that you did not need it, I of course will not send it—Roderick."

(By way of explanation I may state that two other sufficient documents in this case were available, namely, the applicant's Baptismal and Family Bible records.) I am, Sir, etc. M. MACKENZIE, Canoe Cove.

GRAIN ELEVATOR SQUABBLE

Sir—While it is encouraging to learn from the news columns that a settlement has been arrived at in the grain elevator squabble "where all grain shipments have been led up for about eleven weeks because of a strike of the workers in terminal elevators on the West Coast", I am not very proud of the technique—involving, reportedly, an increase of 7 1/2 cents an hour in the "take home pay" of about 250 men.

According to the reports, to achieve the above result, involving, say 60 cents per day—or an aggregate increase of \$150 for the strikers' total of daily earnings—we have presented a lamentable spectacle of disrupting the economic life stream of the nation for just 80 days—at a cost of not less than \$10,000,000 in "lost earning power" by workers, elevators, ships and railways. The enemies of democratic processes may be relied upon to make the most of this situation—though likely some of the enthusiasm has gone out of their laughter as a result of the fact that "grain is again flowing, for the first time since mid-February."

Nevertheless, the above is a decidedly humiliating picture of the ways of free men. In handling the inescapable problems when they deal with one another in the market-place, Surely reasonable men can devise a less costly mechanism? According to my arithmetic, the workers have had about \$45,000 added to their annual earnings while into the opposite balance would go (and should) the earning-power inherent in that \$10,000,000 "overall cost" of the above spectacle, and which would be not less than \$45,000. Doubtless this latter will be paid by the general burden-bearer, in this country as in any other, John Q. Public. This latter "loss" will be quite as per-

Notes By The Way

Ernest Hemingway has won his first Pulitzer Prize, after 30 years of writing novels. The award can't add much luster to the reputation of a man who has already established himself firmly as one of the great literary artists of the 20th century.—Ottawa Citizen.

The East German motor-cyclist who when stopped by the Russians at a Berlin checkpoint, dashed on foot amid a hail of bullets to the Western side of the border showed the highest sort of determination to win freedom. He left his fiancée behind in the side-car.—Hamilton Spectator.

One hundred years ago, James E. Liddy, of Watertown, N.Y., rode into town in a jolting buggy to do some shopping. He was thankful that the seat was equipped with coil-springs which absorbed some of the discomfort. The thought struck Liddy that if buggy springs were that comfortable, they should be used in beds—in place of ropes—to support the mattress. Liddy was a blacksmith, so he turned out the first bedspring by hand in 1853. He neglected to obtain a patent, which probably has discomforted some of his heirs.—Detroit Free Press.

Most vehicles are on the road to get somewhere, and are entitled to do so. The one who ambles along, day-dreaming and gazing at the scenery, while 15 or 20 cars have to drag along behind him like a funeral, is an impediment to society. More, he is a menace to safety, for he makes other drivers do reckless things trying to get around him. Pleasure driving at a snail's pace on rural main highways is not only rude and dangerous but also needless. This district boasts a fine network of "side" and "back" roads! If creepers would take these roads, they would have more fun and every-one would be much happier.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Down in Chattanooga, Tenn., Devere Lawrence, a 17-year-old high school boy, emerged triumphant in a cherry pie baking contest. This was, naturally, a blow to all the other contestants, who were girls. Well, the maxim that "the best cooks are men" is not new. There's many a chef with an international reputation. When Devere was asked the name of the cook book he used, he replied: "Didn't get it from a cook book. I made it up." Could this be just another hint of the edge that men have on women when it comes to creative efforts—even in the kitchen? When it comes to following the book accurately and efficiently—the women undoubtedly excel. But when it comes to adding the final creative touch—then it takes the Shakespeare, the Mozart, the French chef or the Chattanooga school boy.—Vancouver Province.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.) FIRE COMPANY PROPOSED From the reports of the Legislative Assembly, April 4, 1953: "Mr. Hodgson moved for leave to bring in a petition from a number of resident householders in Charlottetown, praying that a Fire Company, of a limited number, may be established in Charlottetown, and for some encouragement for said Company. Leave being granted, the said petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table."

In all that's left of Epping Forest I met a painted caravan. A piebald and a chestnut pony Led by a slouching gipsy man. Instinct with careless grace, he measured My progress with a casual eye; A dirty pretty child, his daughter, Peeped from the door as I went by. And I was glad, that though the forest Is little more than parkland now, That sturdy alien stock, the gipsies, Survives to flourish, twig and bough. They, with no foot of soil to feed them, No deep-delved roots to hold them fast, May still endure though Epping Forest Become a twice-told tale at last! —Audrey Alexandra Brown, in the Montreal Star.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer NO ADVICE CLUB An American friend writes in jubilant vein to say that at long last he has achieved distinction. No, he hasn't been elected governor or district attorney or anything like that. He has simply been admitted into membership in the newly organized "No Advice Club". This is the first organization of its kind to appear on the social scene. If genuine need be any criterion to go by we may expect to see such clubs springing up all over the place. Should anyone get it into his head to start a local branch, I may say that, according to my friend's report, only three obligations have to be assumed by applicants for membership. And they are extremely simple ones. (1) Offer no advice to anyone. (2) Solicit no advice from anyone. (3) Accept no advice from anyone.

Whether or not a new organization will turn out to be the answer to the problem (our society is already top-heavy with organizations), it is a fact that our generation has been led into virtual captivity by advisers of one kind and another. Whatever else future historians will have to say about the middle years of the 20th century, they are almost sure to say that it was a period in which advice was the most plentiful commodity in the social market-places of the world. They will also say that all this giving and receiving of advice came very near to eradicating all sense of personal responsibility from various segments of the population. There is hardly anything nowadays that a man can do without becoming involved in a network of advice. There is an adviser lurking somewhere behind every bush. Take the matter of reading books for diversion, for instance. There was a time, before the advisers took over totalitarian rule, when a man simply stepped into a bookstore and picked out whatever title happened to appeal to him at the moment. Perhaps he gave the preface a hurried examination and looked over a few chapter headings before giving the clerk his money. Sometimes this method brought satisfaction and sometimes it didn't. But at least the purchaser retained his self respect and, when a mistake occurred, he had the good feeling that it was his very own. It had no come to him through second-hand routes, so to speak. Even a mistake loses a lot of its glamour when it is borrowed from somebody else. And a thing is doubly good that one discovers for himself.

Now, however, any man who followed such a course would be considered a case for the psychiatrist. The first thing a would-be purchaser of books must do is consult the reviews which are simply rough pieces of advice wrapped up in smooth little packages. Perhaps I might be permitted to say here that this business of book-reviewing is one in which I have had some little experience. Whether or not anything I have written in a

review has kept anyone from buying a book for which he seemed to have an instinctive liking I have of course, no way of knowing, but I hope the answer is in the negative. Book reviewers, like all other sons of Adam, must share in the fall of the race, and, consequently, they are subject to error and sin against the truth. The best review I have read (not, of course, including my own) was the one written by Abraham Lincoln. It went this way: "For anyone who likes this kind of book, this is the kind of book he will like."

Advice in child training has been growing by leaps and bounds in recent years. Some sociologists are of the opinion that if it keeps on growing the children of tomorrow will be almost certain to develop into a formidable army of morons. It must be pretty trying to be a youngster these days. And more trying still to be a mother who has not had intensive clinical training. As for young fathers, they must have all they can do to keep their wits about them amid the volleying and the thundering of the advisers. Farmers used to be an independent class but they, too, are rapidly succumbing to the wiles and blandishments of advisers. Should the present trend continue for another decade or so (and there is no indication that it will not) there will be an expert looking over every fence and peering into every plant, how to plant, how much to plant, what to eat, what not to eat—all these will become matters for more and more expert advice, not to be undertaken in any circumstances without first of all asking advice from some bureau. It is safe to predict that in another ten years farmers who are seen on their land before 9 o'clock in the morning or after 5 in the afternoon will be liable to severe disciplinary action. And a man who is insolent enough to grow a bushel of potatoes for his own use without asking permission from some official at a desk many miles away will stand a good chance of being ostracized from his fellow men.

The Age Old Story

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. . . . Turn not to the right hand nor to the left, remove thy foot from evil.

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