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"Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew"

"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Vice Regal Visit

Prince Edward Island today will have the privilege of welcoming our most distinguished Canadian, His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, first native-born Governor General, who is making his first official tour of the Maritimes.

His Excellency is no stranger to this Province, having visited here on other occasions, notably as chairman of the Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Sciences and Letters.

Following his business career as head of the family industry, the Massey-Harris Company, Ltd., he became Canadian Minister at Washington in 1926 and later spent several months on an important overseas mission in China and Japan.

An Associated Press story tells of a United States submarine towing into port a disabled U. S. Navy blimp which had damaged its propellers and power plant in a practice attack.

On Monday the R. C. A. F. announced that it is seeking a new jet fighter and on Wednesday the R.A.F. authorized a description of Britain's new flying triangle, faster than sound and "the most effective fighter in the world."

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Mr. Massey's career has also been highlighted by a series of memorable public speeches, the most important of which have been reprinted in such volumes as "Good Neighborhood" and other addresses, (1931), "The Sword of Lion-heart", and other wartime speeches (1943) and "On Being Canadian" (1948).

His Excellency is a gentleman of unusual personal charm, whose public appearances since assuming his high office have proven happy occasions for all concerned.

Ferry Service

When tourists face the prospect of having to wait in line for considerable periods of time to get on or off the Island it is understandable that many should prefer to turn elsewhere for their holiday.

Both the C. N. R. and Northumberland Ferries Ltd. do their best with the facilities available but, with the increase of traffic, these have become inadequate.

It is, of course, gratifying that more motorists should wish to visit this Province than we can conveniently transport, particularly when truck transportation continues at a high level.

To this Province, transportation is the key to the future. In so far as we are isolated we tend to be retarded in every way, but with communications we become

the centre of thriving trade, are stimulated by many contacts with other areas and people and make our own contribution to the general progress.

On Well-Earned Holiday

We have had many distinguished holiday visitors to the Province this year, but none more welcome than Brigadier the Hon. Milton F. Gregg, V. C., Federal Minister of Labor, who is expected to arrive this evening on an all-too-brief vacation.

Brigadier Gregg has many personal friends in Prince Edward Island, particularly among members of the Canadian Legion; and as he is himself a native-born New Brunswicker he naturally feels quite at home on his occasional visits here.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Charlottetown school children may be disappointed at not being given a holiday by the visiting Governor General. The situation seems to be without remedy, however, as the term has not yet begun for City schools.

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It would be a worth-while gesture for the Government on behalf of the Prince Edward Island Legislative Assembly to present visiting delegates of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association with copies of Dr. Frank MacKinnon's authoritative work on the development of political institutions here.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, German poet, dramatist and philosopher, was born this date 1749. Of his many works Faust is the most famous and probably greatest.

In most European countries, reports UN News, the demand for potatoes for human consumption has gradually declined from the prewar and early postwar levels.

Have you ever noticed how we try to convince ourselves with little lying phrases? An actor discussing acting in everyday life on the BBC certainly has.

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A Most Distinguished Visitor



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

YEARS OF PROGRESS

From the report of John MacNeill, Esq., visitor of district schools, for the year ending Feb. 8, 1842:

"According to the returns of the Census taken during the summer of last year, the whole population of the Island will be found to have increased nearly 46 per cent in eight years. The increase in the number of schools in the same period is above 63 per cent.

"To complete my survey of the field of education, I may be allowed to allude to the recent establishment and multiplication of literary and scientific institutions for the mental improvement of our adult as well as youthful population.

"Contrast for a moment the state of Prince Edward Island, at this day, with its condition a little more than a century ago, when the wild Indian only lingered on the banks of its beautiful streams, or glided with his light canoe over the blue waters of the surrounding gulph, which now bears upon its bosom to our shores the stately barque, freighted with the products of every clime, to add to our luxuries or to minister to our comforts.

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The Poet's Corner

AT GULL LAKE

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Notes By The Way

Leap Year is a failure from an old maid's viewpoint because it discourages matrimony, writes an expert on such things. It's strange, though, no feminist group has tried to have it abolished.

In short supply: All-wool material, unwashed stock, peace of mind, satisfaction, the last word, unequal vocal statement from a political leader, an honest opinion and parking space.

An antique dealer in Brisbane, Australia, is credited with displaying an authentic "Elizabethan period telephone table." It's a wonder the legs haven't been talked off this long-distance affair by now.

The Canadian National Exhibition isn't an event of interest only to Toronto. It is a truly national affair, with entries and visitors from all parts of Canada and, indeed, from many parts of the world.

A shoemaker in Tokyo has invented something he calls "firefly sandals." These are shoes equipped with peanut-size bulbs in the toes and tiny batteries in the heels. They flicker on and off as the wearer dances.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

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The Kon-Tiki Expedition

(News From Norway)

Thor Heyerdahl's scientific thesis, "American Indians in the Pacific," "The Theory Behind the Kon-Tiki Expedition" was published simultaneously in Great Britain and Scandinavia recently.

The Norwegian scientist-explorer wrote the treatise in order to explain and substantiate his theory that, contrary to accepted beliefs, Polynesia was originally populated from South America.

Thor Heyerdahl began to develop his theory as long ago as 1937, when he spent a year on the Marquesas Islands, studying native customs, traditions and local stone sculpture of ancient origin.

The original manuscript was completely revised and rewritten, but to no avail. The evidence he presented still failed to shake the notion that it was impossible to drift on a raft from South America to Polynesia.

As a means of proving that it could be done, Thor Heyerdahl conceived and carried to a successful conclusion his famous Kon-Tiki expedition by raft across the South Pacific. Mr. Heyerdahl and

his five companions built their raft of balsa logs, the same material as was used by the ancient Peruvians. The description of their daring adventure, as told in "Kon-Tiki," promptly caught the imagination of peoples throughout the world.

In his scientific thesis, Mr. Heyerdahl first tackles the accepted dogma that the Polynesians originally came from the islands west of the Pacific, "journeying thousands of miles eastward before reaching their present homeland. He seeks to prove that this is highly improbable and that the course which he traversed is the likely one.

The Norwegian scientist does not deny that a branch of the ancient Polynesians may have originated in countries west of the Pacific. At the same time, however, he points to evidence indicating that they came to Polynesia by way of the northwestern part of North America.

Regarding the multi-racial background of the Polynesians, Mr. Heyerdahl maintains that long before the arrival of the Asiatic tribesmen who came by way of North America, the islands had been settled by people who lived in Peru prior to the Incas.

In a recent interview with the Oslo press, Mr. Heyerdahl stated: "I have worked on this treatise four years now. I have studied original sources in museums and other institutes all over the world, and so far, I have discovered nothing which fails to support my theory. Now I want to watch how the scientists react to my work, and will defend it at any time and at any place."

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