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Canadian National Highway

The Trans-Canada Highway seems to be an example of a practical solution anticipating a legal theory. It was planned and begun when no one in this country imagined that highways could be under any jurisdiction but Provincial.

The plain implication is that their Lordships envisioned a system of trunk highways built and maintained at Federal expense as well as being subject to Federal control.

Although Ottawa actively fought the legal battle, the Federal Government seems to be afraid to face the consequences of winning. The Federal-Provincial conference now meeting at Ottawa is reportedly for the purpose of amicably placing back in Provincial hands the responsibilities which were declared by the courts to be essentially Federal.

What the courts seem to contemplate is a division of responsibility for Canadian roads. There are many streets and secondary roads which obviously serve only a local purpose. The Privy Council, it is not unfair to deduct, sees also a great national system of trunk highways, binding the country together, as the railways have done from an earlier day.

There is no reason why there should not be such a division. A motorist has no particular difficulty in progressing from a municipal street to a Provincial highway and from there to a private driveway, all having their own rules as to use and their several responsible authorities.

A Candidate And His Relatives

Down in Ripley, Tenn., Dr. J. Freeman, who lost out in a mayoralty election, is planning to contest the election of his opponent. Ordinarily, this would not be news; it goes on all the time. In this instance, however, there is more involved than a mere counting of votes.

Scathing Indictment

A strong indictment of McCarthyism has been made by the Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, Senior Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, in a talk to an audience of trade unionists. The following excerpts are from his address, now being widely quoted in the United States:

anti-Communists. I hate to see anti-Communism identified with this kind of playing to the grandstand.
'Are we any safer because General Marshall was branded a traitor? No, we are not. But we are a little less honorable.

'Are we any safer because the line between a liberal or a non-conformist and a Communist or subversive is hopelessly blurred? I doubt it.
'Are we any safer because non-conformity has been practically identified with treason? I think not. Do we have anything less to fear because people have been bullied by the chairman of an investigating committee and his counsel? I doubt it.

'Is America a safer place for ourselves and our children because the morale of our State Department has been blitzkrieged? Or because political controversy has sunk to a new low of name-calling?
'An America which has lost faith in the integrity of the Government, the Army, the schools, the churches, the labor unions, the press, and most of all an America whose citizens have lost faith in each other—such an America would not need to bother about being anti-Communist; it would have nothing to lose.

EDITORIAL NOTES

U. S. - Canadian Good Will Week.

Good luck to the flight leaving for the North Pole this morning from the Central Navigation School, R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside.

'The Mississippi Legislature,' notes an exchange, 'is considering a bill to make it unlawful to issue a high school diploma to any student who can't read or write. We have yet to hear a more logical law.'

The drop in farm income in this Province last year was a hard blow. One favorable aspect, however, is the perishable quality of the potato. There will be no carryover to plague future marketing prospects.

The affair Valdmanis seems likely to rock Newfoundland economically and politically. Whatever other blame may be involved, however, there can only be admiration for Premier Smallwood's courage in bringing things out in the open.

Currency deflation will soon come to this country, at least in the dimensions of paper money. It is reported that a new series of Bank of Canada notes to be issued in September will be one-eighth of an inch less deep than those now in use.

The Canadian delegate, Mr. David Johnson, has been chosen first president of the five-nation U.N. disarmament sub-committee. The sessions will be private but it is to be hoped that he, or a succeeding chairman, will be able to report agreement on some plan that will make the world a little less of an armed camp.

David Hume, Scottish philosopher and historian, was born this date 1711. The value of his philosophical writings has never been questioned, although at one time his scepticism made him notorious among the orthodox. His history suffers from inadequate research. Hume denied the necessity of cause and effect, regarding it as merely a habit of thought.

A child health expert states that only about one of every five children receives the daily amount of vigorous exercise required for normal growth. It may be so but those that grow up and have children of their own will make up for the lack by trying to keep up with them in their inadequate activity.

In the latest life of Lord Palmerston by Arthur Henderson published in the United Kingdom there is reproduced a statement by 'Old Pam' on Russia which has a familiar ring today. Speaking in 1834 Lord Palmerston said: 'Russia does not, I believe, wish to go to war with us, but is always trying to push on just to the extreme point of encroachment and aggression to which she may be allowed to go without war. She then halts to take breath and waits till people are looking another way to make another step or two forward.'



A Little Grassfire Sometimes Goes A Long Way

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.

FAITH AND THE H BOMB

Sir,—
'God is our refuge and strength. A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.'

The writer of this psalm might well have lived in this H bomb age, this age of universal fear that the whole human race may be destroyed. The H bomb was probably exploded to scare the Russians, but it has scared everyone, most likely even the people who set it off.

The centres of population like London and New York are thoroughly scared. They now know that one bomb can destroy a whole big city. In England among many there is hysteria. The Japanese fishermen are still ailing. Snow falling in Montana was impregnated. Windshields on the Pacific coast have been pitted and even in Halifax, if many bombs are set off we may all find our lungs worse pitted.

There can be no protection against the H bomb. New York City had devised protection against the A bomb, and now they find that is obsolete. They are turning to the idea of evacuation which has grave difficulties, e.g., in their hospitals there are 3600 patients that should be removed and they have means for only 60.

Man has made the bomb, and no one can be blamed for that. The business of the scientist is to pry into the secrets of nature, but we are not big enough for the responsibility, and now the world is up against it.

It is said man's extremity is God's opportunity. He is calling us to repent truly and be able to say with the psalmist:
'A God our refuge and strength. A very present help in trouble.'
I am, Sir, etc.
W. I. GREEN
Stanley Bridge

Old Charlottetown

and P. E. I.
FIRST TENNIS CLUB
'The forerunner of the principal Tennis Club of Charlottetown was known as the Micmac Tennis Club, and was formed on the 2nd of May, 1883, at the residence of Dr. J. T. Jenkins, Mr. A. E. Warburton and Miss Alice Jenkins being elected president and secretary respectively. Meetings for play were arranged to be held on the grounds of Government House, Beaconsfield (Cundall Home), Brighton, Spring Park, St. Mount and Victoria Park. The latter was later selected as the permanent home of the club. On May 14, 1888, the club was amalgamated with another, and since known as the Charlottetown Lawn Tennis Club.

—From An Island Scrap Book, by the late Mr. Benjamin Bremner.

Books Received

CLOWN by Emmett Kelley with F. Beverly Kelley (New York, Prentice-Hall Inc., 271 pp., 3.95). This is the story of 'Willie', the sad faced and generally unfortunate tramp-clown. His creator or alter ego was more interested in cartooning or aerial work but Willie grew almost unintentionally in the atmosphere of circuses of every description. Willie's biography, for that is really what this is, is full of the strange and eventful life under the big top. This, however, is the view of the circus obtained by the small boys who carry water for the animals rather than the glittering show seen by the cash customers.

THE FAITHS MEN LIVE BY by Charles Francis Potter (New York, Prentice-Hall Inc., 323 pp., 3.95). Comparative religion is a theological subject for intensive and thoughtful study. Without purporting to go into these important matters so deeply, the author has sketched more than thirty religions or sects in a decidedly sympathetic manner. For those who would understand their fellow men of different religions this book is most valuable. Many, indeed, will through it, gain a clearer understanding of their own religion. The book's value is considerably increased by an index, although most people will probably read the volume rather than merely refer to it.

Archbishop Sinnott

George S. Robertson in the Winnipeg Free Press

Thirty seven years ago a young man knelt before the altar in St. Mary's Cathedral in Winnipeg and felt upon his shoulders for the first time the almost imperceptible weight of the pallium, the narrow circlet of pure white wool which signifies that its wearer is an Archbishop of the Church of Rome. The young man was the Most Reverend Alfred A. Sinnott and he had just been elevated to the throne of the newly created Archdiocese of Winnipeg. But though the pallium rested so lightly across the young man's shoulders, he did not accept it lightly and in the years which lay ahead the once strong at back Dunstons in the thousands of those whose love and respect he so richly deserved.

Archbishop Sinnott was a gentle man; gentle of voice and manner, but to those who knew him and worked with him he was 'a giant.' It was his brilliant scholastic record that first attracted the attention of the Church authorities. He was only 19 when, 'surpassing all competition in philosophy and theology and canon law' he was then sent to Rome where he studied at the seminary of St. Apollinaris, and it was in Rome, on February 18, 1900, that he was ordained priest.

Back in Canada young Father Sinnott was appointed to a professorship at St. Dunstons in Charlottetown, but within two years he was transferred to Ottawa and the brilliant career which lay before him was overshadowed by his appointment as private secretary to Cardinal Sbarretti, the apostolic delegate to Canada. By 1916, when the Church had decided upon the creation of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, it was Father Sinnott, now a Monsignor, who was chosen to be its archbishop; and, with Canada in the midst of a world war, the young man (he was still only 39) came west to pioneer his new charge and to organize the far-flung territory of his See.

Much of his time in those early days was devoted to visiting the outposts of his parish—the Indian reserves, the northern missions and the scattered hamlets and villages of Manitoba. Traveling was not always easy, but over the years the frequency of his visits (often by dog-sleigh or cutter) earned him the endearing title of Peregrinus J. J. Christo, Wanderer for Christ. And during the tenure of his office he was to see more than 80 new churches lift their spires towards the sky along his road of travel.

Archbishop Sinnott was never one to be over-awed by difficulties, for impossibilities as some would prefer to call them at the time. When for example he committed his parishioners in Winnipeg to the erection of a new St. Paul's college on the present Ellice Avenue site there were shrewd businessmen who considered the project thoroughly unsound and even foolhardy. To His Grace, however, it was obvious that Winnipeg needed an adequate college; that was all that mattered. With complete faith he could assure his fellow workers: 'The Lord will provide.' And the shrewd businessmen found that, almost in spite of themselves, they were involved in a thoroughly sound enterprise. It seemed good to the Archbishop that a summer camp should be built, where both children and adults could renew their spirits and recreate their strength in the friendly atmosphere of their own faith. He discussed his idea with the scholarly Monsignor Morton, and Camp Morton with its fascinating forest, vistas and its echoes of children's laughter, was the result.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Talking to one's self, says a psychiatrist, is not a sign of insanity. These days, that ought to relieve all of us. — Sudbury Star.
Make friends and avoid arguments as you go along and you'll end up with a happy life but no body interested in publishing your memoirs. — Winnipeg Tribune.

An old Indian summed up the world situation thus: 'Trouble is nations smoke peacepipe but nobody inhales.' — Guelph Mercury.

A June bride writes that she wants an 'ideal family' of six children. Yes, and in what denominations, miss? They come in ones, in twos and occasionally in threes. — Peterborough Examiner.

The best part of spring for poor old Dad is that he can get out the hammock again. You can figure so much floricultural strategy from a hammock. — London Free Press.

We wish that some people would spend about one-tenth as much energy striving to make free enterprise and free competition a reality as they do in talking piously about it. Too many of them seem to operate on the principle that out-competition is a wonderful, wonderful thing. . . . In any other business but theirs. — Calgary Herald.

We used to hear a great deal about 'nerves.' People who were exasperated, or discouraged or unable to concentrate, were popularly said to be victims of their nerves. Perhaps they were so, but could not their nerves have been the victims of what they ate? Proper diet is certainly not the answer to all nervous ailments, but might it not be a great assistance in avoiding many of these? — Peterborough Examiner.

Even people who like all kinds of birds seem to merely tolerate grackles after they have seen the first dozen or so in early spring. Just looking at a grackle, this seems rather strange, for a grackle (sometimes known as the crow blackbird) is a large, graceful, full black bird with a beautiful iridescent sheen on its feathers. It has a graceful tail, it is well proportioned, it flies well. It struts when it walks, and it walks instead of hopping, as a robin does. It comes north early in the spring. — New York Times.

Buds are a lot easier to watch than birds. No binoculars are needed and no stealthy approach. A bud on a young elm will stay quietly in place while a man comes up to it along a brook bank. That is more than can be said of a song sparrow in the elm. Birds are mighty moveable in April. But watching and bird watching are sort of occupational perquisites tossed in with a countryman's outdoor days. Some folks fail to remember that a tree is as much a living thing as a blue jay or a crow, although the tree doesn't make so much noise and its buds stay put on a bough. — New York Herald Tribune.

Three Canadian senators have proposed that dope peddlers when convicted should be executed. The latest of these, Dr. J. P. Howden, of St. Boniface, Man., who has had experience with narcotic addicts, said a way must be found to 'get rid' of peddlers. Those who agreed with him were Senators Thomas Reid, of British Columbia, and Nancy Hodges of the same province. We shall not take to shooting or hanging convicted peddlers but the proposal is a grim reminder of the vicious crime these satanic salesmen commit. A common murderer may kill one person. A dope addict may kill or ruin for life, a great number of young people. Certainly there must be some way to 'get rid' of these criminals. No fine or limited imprisonment is adequate. — London Free Press.

The love of a dog for his master is well known. There are many well authenticated cases where dogs, because of the loss of their master, have preferred death to life. One of the best known con-

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HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT NOTICE

RE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES
All 1953 Motor Vehicle Licenses expired March 31st, 1954.
Due to road conditions the Police were instructed not to prosecute those without 1954 licenses until further notice.

Instructions are now being issued that action should be taken against the owner and operator of any motor vehicle not properly licensed by April 30th, 1954.
W. E. DARBY, Attorney General.

Advertisement for Manufacturers Life, 'Today is Bargain Day — The cost of new Life Insurance goes up with age. When you put off buying that extra insurance you need you lose the advantage of today's lower rate.'