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"Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew"
"The strongest memory is weaker than
the weakest ink".
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Our Queen

As Queen Elizabeth goes to Westminster Abbey tomorrow, as Her Majesty takes part in the ancient yet modern ritual the Coronation and as she drives back through historic streets a crowned monarch, she will see and hear vast numbers of her people pledging their fealty and cheering their Queen. Those in the Abbey and those lining the streets for her triumphal progress will be merely representatives of her peoples throughout the Commonwealth and Empire who in assembled crowds or in lonely places will share in the acclamations for Her Gracious Majesty.

The Recognition is a very real and significant part of the Coronation ritual. It symbolizes her acceptance by the people and follows approval of her succession, as well as of changes in her Royal Style and Titles by the Parliaments of all the Dominions as well as by her Parliament at Westminster.

The colourful pageantry tomorrow has its roots deep in history but changes in the traditional ceremonial make it much less a feudal ceremony recalling ancient forms of tenure and service but rather a truly regal installation of a Queen who heads not a handful of great nobles but the peoples of a vast Commonwealth of Nations.

She will not wear the crown of an empress, the Indian Empire being no more. There will be small regret at that fact for the title Empress of India does not go well with the conception of the Queen's position held by the vast majority of her subjects. As Queen and Head of the Commonwealth she personifies the free nations over whom she rules according to their respective laws and in the spirit of British parliamentary tradition.

It would, perhaps, be impossible for any inanimate symbol to provide a constant link between peoples so diverse and with such independent ideas as Her Majesty's loyal subjects. The Crown attempts to provide that link but would certainly fail but for personal loyalty to the individual who wears the Crown. Her Majesty has inherited a great tradition of service and we may safely predict that she will add to the prestige and love in which the sovereign has been held.

In this country, the senior Dominion, and this loyal Province, rejoicing in general and all hearts go out to our young Queen. No one could better symbolize the hopes and aspirations of people everywhere. With those standing in Westminster Abbey we ringingly shout: GOD SAVE ELIZABETH THE SECOND!

Export Trade Figures

Official reports from Ottawa disclose a drop of \$47.5 millions or 14 per cent of Canadian export trade in April. For the full four months of 1953 export shipments slumped by a total of \$135.3 millions from the figures for the corresponding period of last year. Last month's decline is ascribed to a recession of buying in the Dominion markets by Great Britain, European and Latin American countries. Specifically, United Kingdom purchases from Canada dipped by \$28.1 millions, from \$47.6 millions in April, 1952, to \$47.5 millions last month. Continental European buying declined by \$6 millions in the month and exports to Latin America dropped by nearly \$10.5 millions. Exports to all other countries showed a decrease of \$4.8 millions in April.

What is described as the only significant gain, and it covered the four-month January-to April, inclusive, period, was in exports to United States which registered an increase of \$8.2 millions. But this fell far short of offsetting the losses sustained in the other markets mentioned. This position in respect to Canada's export trade, notes an exchange, again serves to emphasize its rather peculiar nature. The deterioration of trade to Great Britain and some other parts of the world exclusive of the United States, is something that would seem to call for a review of the Dominion's trading policies. It is not enough to answer the decline in exports to Britain by citing the higher values of goods sold to U. S. buyers. The fact is that dependence on export markets within the United States is something never fully assured. Canada has had experience in the past of the sharp turns that Washington can take in economic policy—by tariffs and by outright embargoes—to adversely affect our export trade to that country.

Another Crown Jewel

The largest pink diamond in the world will be the gift of Dr. J. T. Williamson, a Canadian, to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on her Coronation. It is valued at \$1,500,000. The largest diamond heretofore found was in South Africa in 1905. It was the Cullinan, and weighed 969 carats. It was presented to King Edward VII but not kept intact, being cut up into several pieces the largest of which is of 516 carats. The Jonkers diamond, discovered in 1934 in South Africa, was 726 carats and the Jubilee, a product of the same area, in 1895 was 634 carats, being cut down to 239.

Until diamonds were discovered in South Africa, most of the famous ones came from Asia. The giant there was the Golconda, also known as the Great Mogul, which weighed 787 before cutting.

In former days, recalls the Windsor Star, there was much treachery and thieving of diamonds. The Orloff was stolen by a French soldier from the eye of an idol in a Brahmin temple, but a ship's captain stole it off him and sold it to Prince Orloff who presented it to Catherine II of Russia. It was among the Russian crown jewels and whether it survived the Bolshevik revolution doesn't seem certain. It was of 194 carats.

The Koh-i-nor, once the possession of a Persian conqueror, was owned by the Rajah of Lahore in 1813. It "came into possession" of the East India Company and was presented to Queen Victoria. Originally of 186 carats it was cut down to 106. Conjecture has it that both the Koh-i-nor and the Orloff actually were parts of the Great Mogul.

The Regent or Pitt diamond, of 410 carats before being cut to 136, was bought by Thomas Pitt, grandfather of William Pitt the Elder, when he was governor of Bombay. It was sold to the Duke of Orleans, regent of France, and belonged to the French crown jewels. Stolen during the French revolution, it was recovered and still is in France.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the Coronation of H. M. Queen Elizabeth II.

This Province is royally named, as is the capital, the counties, and any number of towns, villages, districts, and streets.

The parades in this Province tomorrow will not be six-and-one-half miles as in London but they will demonstrate as great a loyalty and affection for Her Majesty.

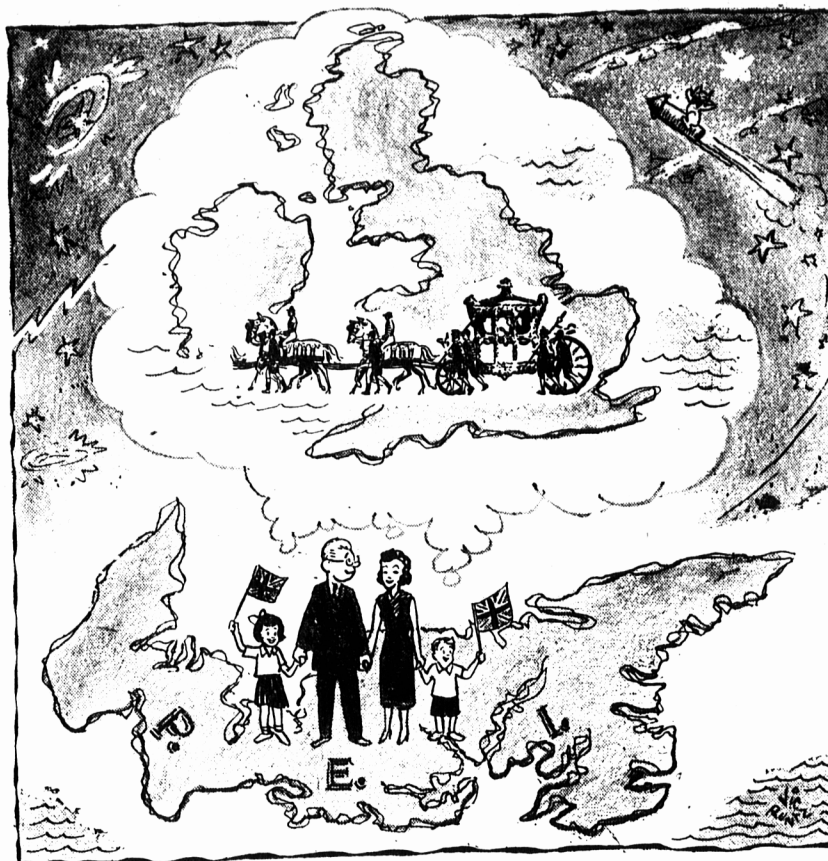
The possibility of the Royal Canadian Navy taking over the air station at Summerside would present the ticklish problem of the Senior Service succeeding the junior. Even more delicate personal adjustments and attitudes of the fair sex would be involved but it is unlikely that Summerside girls would remain unconsoled.

"The one important thing that each and everyone of us who work on the land all over the world have to remember," reminds David Smith, an Essex farmer, speaking about his work in the BBC's "London Calling Asia" programme, "is that our job keeps getting more and more important. The standard of living of the people of every country in the world is rising steadily and so are the number of people. They all want more and better food, which is a wonderful thing for the good of mankind, and it places a heavy responsibility on all farmers and farm-workers."

Today the average American family owes \$330 for cars and household appliances, \$220 on personal loans and charge accounts, and \$1,265 on long-term home mortgages, according to the Christian Science Monitor. It is pointed out, however, that although the total debt is more than three times as high as immediately after the war, they do not owe much more in proportion to income than they did in the late 30's. One secret of the American standard of living would seem to be the habit of buying on credit. It is a dangerous one to imitate, however, unless accompanied by American productive standards.

Leslie Howard, English actor, died this date 1943. His real name was Leslie Stainer and he was born in London in 1893. He was a bank clerk, served in the army from 1914 until discharged in 1917 and decided to become an actor. His first appearance was with a touring company in "Peg o' My Heart". He played in London, and New York on various occasions and in a number of motion pictures including "Pygmalion". His plane was shot down by enemy aircraft while returning from Madrid where he had been lecturing on behalf of the British Council.

Thoughts Of Another Island



The Poet's Corner

LINES ON THE CORONATION OF OUR GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN

This Lady whom we crown was born
When buds were green upon the
thorn
And earliest cowslips showed;
When still unseen by mortal eye,
One cuckoo tolled his "Here am I,"
And over little glints of sky,
In rain-pools whence the trickles
flowed,
The small snipe clattered wing.
The swallows were upon the road,
Nought but the cherry-blossom
snowed,
The promise was on all fields sowed
Of Earth's beginning Spring.

Now that we crown her as our
Queen
May love keep all her pathways
green,
May sunlight bless her days;
May the fair Spring of her begin-
ning
Ripen to all things worth the win-
ning.
The very surest of our praise
That mortal men attempt,
May this old land revive and be
Again a star set in the sea,
A Kingdom fit for such as she,
With glories yet undreamt.

—John Masenfield, Poet Laureate

The Age Old Story

Unto every one of us is given
grace according to the measure of
the gift of Christ . . . And he
gave some, apostles; and some,
prophets; and some, evangelists;
and some, pastors and teachers; for
the perfecting of the saints; for
the work of the ministry; for the
edifying of the body of Christ; till
we all come in the unity of the
faith, and of the knowledge of the
Son of God, unto a perfect man,
unto the measure of the stature
of the fulness of Christ.

WARE, England, (CP)—Televis-
ion set owners in this Hertford-
shire community were relieved
when a travelling carnival left the
district. They said the electrical
equipment on the "dodgem" cars
had interfered with reception.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

VICTORIA'S CORONATION

"The ascension of Queen Victoria to the Throne was the occasion for the grandest demonstration Charlottetown had as yet witnessed. The 25th June, 1838, was the day set apart for the ceremony, and the auspicious event was celebrated with great enthusiasm. Early on that morning the doors of the jail were thrown open, the prisoners therein confined were liberated, and the building surrounded with flag poles which were covered with bunting. Arches were erected in the most public places and adorned with banners and mottoes. One of the latter at this distant date will doubtless fill contemplative minds with reverence and respect. It reads: 'Long live the Queen, and happy may she be!'"

"A troop of cavalry, artillery with guns, and troops of the Garrison were drawn up in review on Queen Square, in front of which His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and suite had taken post. At 12 o'clock an artillery salute and feu-de-joie were fired, then breaking into open column, the whole force marched past the saluting flag twice. Here the appearance of the Highland soldiers was grand and imposing, their pibroch playing, their tartans fluttering in the breeze, all of which arrested the attention, and excited the admiration of those who had assembled to witness the display."

"At 2 o'clock the windows of the Market House—where a plentiful repast had been prepared—were thrown open, and the people invited to the collation to regale themselves. Between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock many hundred persons partook of this liberality. The interior of the edifice having been arranged for the reception of the guests, the Governor and Lady Mary FitzRoy were among the number who honored it with their presence; thus the day was happily spent."

"In the evening the firing of the 9 o'clock gun at the Garrison was the signal for a general illumination, then every dwelling from Government House to the humblest cottage, was instantly lighted up. At 10 o'clock there was a display of fireworks on Queen Square, while rockets ascended from the Garrison from where also at short intervals the

report of field guns reverberated over the town until a late hour. During the while the streets were filled with carriages and pedestrians, and notwithstanding the indulgences of the day, before one o'clock, a.m., all was quiet and at rest. The remembrance of this happy day set apart for all who participated in its celebration."

—From an Historical Sketch of Prince Edward Island by Major James B. Pollard, Charlottetown, 1898.

Notes By The Way

Stone, program chairman of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, introduced Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, head of the new Department of Health, Education and Welfare, to the convention as Mrs. Secretary. "Her decision," Mr. Stone added, "is, 'Don't call me madam!'" The department issued the following announcement: "Secretary Hobby requests that she be referred to as 'Mrs. Secretary,' not as 'Madam Secretary.' Her request is based on the fact that she feels the title of 'Mrs.' is a fine American word and prefers this to the more formal protocol title of 'Madam.'" —New York Herald Tribune

For generations the weeding of cotton patches has been back-breaking work. Since cotton growing has spread to the Southwest, large numbers of Mexicans have been brought in for several months of each year to do the job. Now they appear to be on the way out, and all on account of geese. The geese won't touch the cotton, but they're death on weeds. They fertilize the fields, too, and at the end of the season, they need not be sent back—they merely go to market. This year the canny Rio Grande Valley cotton grower who devised this scheme is sending 6,000 geese a week into Arizona, and expects to use 250,000 himself. In New Mexico's Pecos Valley the number of Mexicans to be hired has dropped from 750 to 330. —Philadelphia Bulletin.

The most thoroughly English story to come out of England in many a long day is surely this little news item from a London suburban newspaper, the Hampstead and Highgate Express, reprinted in the New Statesman and Nation: The campaign against the grey squirrel—now declared a pest—has been suspended because the squirrels are mating. Young squirrels might be left to starve in the nests. This, of course, is the exact reverse of most extermination campaigns. In other countries, when people undertake

to wipe out a pest, they are particularly anxious to kill off breeding animals and their young, so that the species may diminish. But this plan is altogether too unsportsmanlike for the British. So the hunting is called off until the year's crop of little squirrels are able to fend for themselves. —Edmonton Journal.

The Berg Collection at the New York Public Library is offering something unique in exhibition. For the first time it has put on view the work of a living author and devoted an entire exhibition to one volume only. The author to be so honored is John Masenfield, poet laureate of England since 1930, and the book is his collection of "Salt-Water Ballads." In this exhibition the growth of Masenfield's work through early manuscripts, later revisions and final publication may be seen. John Masenfield will reach his seventy-fifth birthday on June 1. On June 2 England's Queen will be crowned, and we await with interest the poet laureate's coronation poem. Recently his sixty-third book was published. —New York Times

The monotony of the long, sometimes dull, afternoons at the House of Assembly, is broken by a friendly little organization known as "the dollar tea club." The idea is that you pay your dollar to the pool, which then provides you with a cup of tea or coffee and a snack in mid-afternoon. When funds are exhausted you pay another dollar. The government members, the independent members, and some of the press gallery are in the dollar tea club. The official opposition, perhaps because they wouldn't even be seen drinking tea with the government, aren't in. When there is a recess, you get your cup of tea during the ten-minute break. Otherwise you sneak out in twos and threes, the business of the House going on in the meantime. This year there is rarely a recess, since the House is hurrying through its business in hope of an early recess. —St. John's, Nfld., Telegram.



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