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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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Ignored At Ottawa

The new cabinet appointments at Ottawa are disappointing to the people of Prince Edward Island...

When these posts were established in connection with the various ministerial offices, it was intimated that the purpose was to train promising young members of the party in power for full cabinet responsibility.

Moreover, it has been announced that still no consideration has been given to filling Senate vacancies, thus leaving us deprived for yet another indefinite period of our proper representation in the Upper Chamber.

It has been argued that the Senate is of little practical value anyway, having become more or less a fifth wheel to the coach of state.

We have been very patient with Ottawa in this regard, trusting particularly to the sense of fair play which is characteristic of Prime Minister St. Laurent in his dealings generally with the Provinces.

Teaching Languages

Several public school systems in the eastern United States have begun language classes in second, third and fourth grades within the last few weeks.

For many years the tendency has been to put off the teaching of languages other than English to later and later grades.

sters are to "grow up with" the languages which it is considered desirable that they learn.

Language teaching is notoriously bad in our schools. The number of pupils who acquire the most elementary working knowledge of the languages studied is practically nil.

This new development, particularly if it could be combined with greater familiarity with language on the part of teachers, offers the chance for considerable improvement in this very important side of education.

Savings Bonds

Many Canadians have reason to be thankful for the habit of purchasing Dominion Savings Bonds which has made it possible for them to build homes, buy cars and refrigerators or lay aside a nest egg; and, it might well be added, to help their nation finance itself to their eventual advantage.

The latest edition of the bonds, now on sale, is the seventh of the series and bears ten interest coupons of 3 3/4 per cent with the first coupon coming due on August 1, 1954.

Buying Canada Savings Bond is one of the best possible ways of saving. That has been proved time and time again by the way they have been grabbed by Canadians with average incomes.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The premium on the Canadian dollar can be a disadvantage in seeking export markets but it is otherwise with imports such as petroleum products.

The end of the double ferry service for the season at Borden brings with it further reports of increased traffic both there and at Wood Islands.

The interchange of posts between the cabinet and the diplomatic service may make available men of outstanding ability on short notice.

Uniform quality is important in any product but in the case of lobster it is vital to the continued prosperity of the industry.

Just why maple syrup tastes as it does has always been something of a mystery. The sap, of course, has absolutely no maple flavour and it is only acquired on evaporation, perhaps as a result of caramelisation.

The political status of women is to be reviewed during the next General Assembly of the United Nations whose session opens this month, reports UNESCO.

Claude Henri de Rouvroy, Comte de Saint-Simon, French writer, was born this date 1760, grandson of the writer of the famous memoirs.

Now You See It, Soon You Won't



OK, O.K! You have to keep healthy - but don't over eat!

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.

POSTPONED MEETING

Sir, - A couple of weeks ago there appeared a letter in your paper from a Liberal delegate asking Mr. Percy Adams why the Liberal meeting in Alberton had been postponed without giving a reason and without setting a future date.

COMPENSATIONS

Sir, - A common idea is that money can compensate for almost anything: goods handed over the counter, a day's work, a field of potatoes harvested, a lesson taught at school, a sermon preached, a book written. It is a common idea that if the producer gets enough money for his product he should reckon himself compensated.

ANOTHER LIBERAL

I am, Sir, etc. ANOTHER LIBERAL

TEACHING A CALF TO DRINK

(Ottawa Journal) According to pictures in the farm journals revolutionary scientific technique and newfangled procedures have been developed for this essential task on the farm.

THE GATHERING TIME

Gather the harvest. Nights are colder now. And sunset hurries from the autumn sky. But June is fragrant in the rustling mow.

Old Charlottetown

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Mount Vesuvius at Naples, Italy, has a record of 50 known eruptions.

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Teaching a Calf to Drink

Modern technique is to place warm milk in a bucket fastened to a wall. The calf takes a small nipple with a small hole and perforate drinks its milk slowly and with more regard for the accepted amenities of civilized foddering etiquette.

THE GATHERING TIME

Gather the loved ones in Orion's feet. Are close the starry giant storms the rim Of night's horizon. Let our lamp-light meet

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The Poet's Corner

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U.S. Visitor's Impressions Of P.E.I. In The 1870's

From an Article in Harper's Magazine, September, 1877.

Prince Edward Island was attracting a few American tourists as far back as the year 1877, when a lengthy article appeared in the September issue of Harper's Magazine containing a judicious mixture of praise and criticism of the Island's attractions.

The writer made the trip to Charlottetown from Boston Harbour during the month of August, in the packet "Carroll", paying ten dollars in gold to the International Steamship Company for a state-room in the after-cabin. Board was extra. Early on the second day they arrived at Halifax, where they remained until noon.

The packet appears to have been equipped with both sail and steam. "Down the savage, reefy coast of Nova Scotia we scudded before a sou'-westerly gale, accompanied with lightning, and passed through the river-like Strait of Canso on a fine breezy morning, that enabled us to see to best advantage a really beautiful sheet of water."

"At sunrise we lay in Hillsborough Bay in a dead calm. A light fog lay on the water directly across the entrance to the port, and we were forced to wait for the sun to dispel it. We were surrounded by the red cliffs of Governor's, St. Peter's, and Prince Edward Islands, mirrored on the glassy surfaces of the water with absolute fidelity, or half lifted in the air by a partial mirage. Here and there a small island, and the quivering reflection of its own spars and sails. Overhead the sky was cloudless azure, specked only by flocks of wild fowl, and no sound disturbed the magical stillness of this peaceful scene but the far-reaching quivering cry of the loon throbbing over the water.

"On the clearing away of the fog we gazed by the light-house on Rocky Point and the wreck which lies close thereby, and Charlottetown, with the broad estuaries that branch away from it for many miles in three directions, was revealed to us in the gleam of the morning sun."

"The residences of the Governor," notes the writer, "is a neat building, admirably situated at the head of a close-shaven lawn, which slopes down to the water, and flanked by the sighing pines of the primeval forest. The present occupant, Sir William Hodgson, is the first native Governor placed over the Island. He is a hale old gentleman of eighty-five, genial, courteous, and capable."

"The other Government offices are situated on Queen's Square, in the centre of the town, and surprise the visitor by the comeliness and elegance of their construction and arrangement. They consist of a state-house, in

which are included the halls for the Upper and Lower House of the Legislature, and other offices; of a court-house, just completed; and of a post-office which will compare favourably with many of the post-offices in our larger cities."

"The writer registers a strong complaint. "We found the clerks at all the Island offices unnecessarily inquisitive, and capable of incredible blunders," he writes. "There is also inexcusable carelessness in the forwarding and care of letters and mail-bags, inasmuch that I never felt sure of receiving letters addressed to me, at least not for longer after they were due, or that mine would reach their destination after I had posted them." He cites other complaints to the same effect, stating that until a few years ago it was by no means uncommon for letters to be seized and examined by some high-handed local authority. Practically of this kind was becoming rarer "under the modifying influences of the Dominion and increased intercourse with the United States"; but the division of caste was still being maintained "with a rigor that, if it were not pernicious and prejudicial to true social progress, would be ridiculous."

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