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NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY

On July 19th and 20th this summer, probably the greatest anniversary celebration in the history of the Island will be held at Scotchfort and in Charlottetown.

At the former place on the 19th a monument erected to the memory of the first Scotch Catholics to arrive in Prince Edward Island, will be unveiled and on the second day the celebration will be continued with athletic sports in Charlottetown.

There were 210 of these pioneer settlers; their descendants many of them, reside on the original homesteads; some reside in other parts of the province, for practically all the Scotch Catholics in the province are descendants of these; others, probably the great majority of them are scattered over the whole continent, many in the Eastern States, some as far west as California and some in our own Dominion.

These descendants, proud of their country, proud of their sturdy pioneer forefathers and faithfully reverencing the memory of those who left the long shelling in the misty islands to better their condition in the new world, have had a suitable monument built in Scotland and some thousands of them have already expressed their intention to be present at its unveiling.

It is estimated that about seven thousand persons from Boston and vicinity alone will be in attendance; we understand that an effort is being made to secure a special train from the Pacific coast for the accommodation of the many in that region who purpose being present. These with the many thousands of all classes, and credits in our own province who will gladly unite in this memorable ceremony, will mean a gathering that will tax the housing and feeding capacity of Charlottetown and vicinity.

It may safely be assumed that this celebration will bring the biggest gathering ever assembled in this province and preparations are being made accordingly by a capable and energetic committee which will leave no stone unturned to make it the success it deserves to be. Apart altogether from the historic associations, the pleasure of welcoming home so many of the Island's sons and the reunion of friends and relatives at home and abroad, there is another feature that must not be lost sight of, that is, the Island's and the city's part in the affair. The good name of the Island and of the city is at stake. Our people will have an opportunity—not wholly a selfish one—of "doing themselves proud" on this occasion; an opportunity to show our Garden Province off to best advantage; an opportunity to show off our stores, our hotels, our city to best advantage and, above all, an opportunity to make city and province so hospitable and enjoyable to the visitors that they will realize that the province is worthy of the monument erected and of those whose good deeds it commemorates.

Accompanying the visitors from abroad will be several pipe bands in Scottish costume. This means that there will be a parade on the 20th. This parade, to be worthy of the occasion, should include all the citizens who can take part in it by autos and carriages suitably decorated. And, by the way, would it not be a good idea to have a number of floats prepared on which successive changes during the intervening 150 years could be realistically represented. This would afford our merchants and other enterprising citizens an opportunity to add picturesqueness and interest to the parade and at

the same time not injure their business. Possibly a prize might be offered for the best float.

So far as the programme has been prepared Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated at the monument on the morning of the 19th; preparations are being made to feed the multitude, 600 at each sitting; the 20th will begin with a parade in Charlottetown headed by a number of bands, pipe and brass; horse races and athletic sports on the Charlottetown Driving Park. Further details will be announced in due course.

THE COAL QUESTION

In conversation with some of the Charlottetown coal dealers with reference to the relative cost of Canadian and American coal, as given in an editorial in The Guardian yesterday, we are informed that the comparison does not apply here. The coal purchased by the Canadian government at \$1.95 at the mines is available only in the interior of the United States. Also there are many varieties of coal quality. Much of the coal along the Atlantic sea board of the United States costs practically the same as the Nova Scotia coal. Unquestionably the cost of coal both in the United States and in Canada is higher than it otherwise would be if it were not for strikes and the demands of union miners for a higher wage and shorter working hours. This applies to the Atlantic seaboard mines of the United States as well as in Canada.

From reliable information we can assure the public that the coal dealers in this province are in no way to blame for the high cost of coal. They are making no more profit today than they made when coal was less than half the price it is today.

OUR OLDEST CONTEMPORARY

With Thursday's issue The Examiner suspended publication until further notice. Our evening contemporary had the distinction of being the second oldest newspaper in the Dominion of Canada having been established in 1847 as a weekly under the editorial management of the late Edward Whelan. It was converted into an evening daily 45 years ago under the editorship of Mr. W. L. Cotton under whose able and efficient direction it has continued since filling an important part in the public life of the community. Mr. Cotton is in his fiftieth year as occupant of the editorial chair, a record in newspaperdom in the Dominion. He is at present enjoying a long anticipated tour of Europe accompanied by his wife and daughter and the letters he has been sending to his old paper have been much appreciated and our readers will be pleased to learn will be continued in the columns of The Guardian. Mr. J. E. B. McCready who has been acting editor in the absence of Mr. Cotton will contribute his special columns of Notes by the Way to The Guardian exclusively.

The suspension of The Examiner will be greatly regretted and it is to be hoped the negotiations initiated for its resumption will be crowned with the success they deserve.

ROYAL BANK LETTER

The current monthly letter of the Royal Bank of Canada gives an estimate of the acreage devoted to crops in the three prairie provinces, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. The combined acreage in the three provinces is 16,468,548 as compared with 12,785,665 last year. In addition to the larger acreage prospects are good.

Happenings Of The Week

Starred forget-me-nots smile sweetly. Ring, bluebells, ring! Winning eye and heart completely. Sing, robin, sing—AM among the reeds and rushes, Where the brook its music hushes, Bright the colopogon blushes— Laugh, O murmuring Spring. —Sarah F. Davis

While the Prince of Wales is speeding home in the Renown after his long tour of India and the Far East, arrangements are being made for a gigantic popular reception which is expected to eclipse anything of its kind in British history. The Prince is due to reach his home port on the day before his birthday, June 23, and the committee in charge of the arrangements held their first regular meeting last night and outlined some of the plans for the official program. The King will tender an official banquet at Buckingham Palace which will be one of the most splendid events of the London season. On the day after his arrival, the Lord Mayor and aldermen will offer their homage at a civic banquet and a tour of the city of London is arranged. The procession will not be a long one but will be representative of the whole empire and a route is being mapped out that will take the Prince through all parts of London in order that the people may have an opportunity of showing their approval and loyalty. The Prince's landing will be made at Plymouth, and all the way from the famous old port to London townships are planning a welcome and the train will be constantly halted if only for a few minutes, that the Prince may receive loyal addresses. It is expected that the crowds will even surpass those at the recent royal wedding and the decorations will be on a more lavish scale. It is regarded as most significant in society circles that the Duchess of Devonshire has arranged a dance for Lady Rachel Cavendish two days after the arrival of the Prince in London.

A mixed foursomes Handicap Medal play will be held at the Golf Links this afternoon, when tea will be served by Mrs. Murdoch McKinnon, Mrs. J. S. Bagnall, Mrs. C. L. Miles and Mrs. Gordon Alley.

Among the distinguished visitors here this week is Archbishop Henry O'Leary of Edmonton, who is visiting his brother, Bishop O'Leary of this city. He also attended the closing exercises of St. Dunstan's University on Wednesday.

Mr. Stuart McCawley, a prominent Glace Bay golfer has ordered a trophy that will be up for perpetual competition in Maritime Golf. Only newspaper men will be eligible to play for the trophy, that will come under the classification of the newspaper golfing championship. The matches among the newspaper men will probably be held on the second day of the meet. The Maritime championships are being held this year at Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. B. Longworth and families and Mrs. W. S.

for a more than ordinarily large harvest. The heavy rains of last fall which interfered very materially with threshing and which in fact injured most of the grain that had been threshed is this season a blessing as the moisture is still in the ground and available for the season's growing. Seeding this spring was somewhat later than usual but from the larger acreage sown it would appear that operations were not seriously handicapped. The only uncertainty now in sight is whether the ripening shall come before the frosts interfere.

Interesting reference is made to the Republic of Argentina which is rapidly becoming a strong competitor in the world's markets. Last year Argentina provided one third of the meat of all classes imported into the United Kingdom. Its Shorthorn cattle are ranked among the best in the world for food purposes as do also the Argentine sheep. Last year Argentina exported 141,000 tons of wool and 84,000 tons of hides and skins. These figures show that this South American Republic, which although much smaller in area, has a population about equal to that of Canada, plays a very considerable part in the world's markets and must be reckoned with in our larger acreage prospects are good.

Stewart motored to Fortune where they are spending the week end. Mrs. S. J. Crowe of Ottawa was hostess this week at a delightfully arranged luncheon at the Parliamentary Restaurant. Among those invited were Mrs. Arthur Meighen, Mrs. W. A. Found, Mrs. A. A. McLean, Mrs. J. G. McPhail.

The tennis tea at Victoria Park this afternoon will be served by Miss Vinnicombe, the Misses Lyons and Miss Grace McInerney.

Miss Beatrice McKinnon was among the guests when Mrs. William Duff, entertained this week at the Parliamentary Restaurant, Ottawa, in honor of Miss Ada Crerar of Lunenburg.

Mrs. D. A. McLeod who has been spending the winter in the city with her daughter Mrs. H. D. Johnson has returned to Eldon for the summer months.

Mrs. Blanchard is being welcomed home after a pleasant visit to Boston.

Dr. and Mrs. Pethick are enjoying a holiday tour through Nova Scotia.

Mrs. B. W. Sherwood of Ottawa, is among the very welcome visitors arriving this week.

Delegates to the International Rotary Convention in Los Angeles from Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland were guests of the local club at a banquet held in Bond's, St. John on Saturday evening last. The delegates attending were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grant and Miss Grant of Charlottetown, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker of Sydney, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunt of St. John's, Nfld. They arrived in St. John on the Halifax express and, following the banquet, left for Boston, where they joined the New England delegates. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clark left on Wednesday for Los Angeles. Returning the party will come last via the Canadian Rockies.

Rev. Dr. Heartz of Amherst and Dr. Heartz Bell and Mr. Harry Bell of Halifax are the guests over the week end of His Honor the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. McKinnon. They are here to attend the Diamond Jubilee of Dr. Heartz to be held in the Methodist Church on Monday, a pleasant feature of which is to be a complimentary Banquet on Monday.

Major F. M. and Mrs. May of Bedouque spent a few days very pleasantly in the city this week.

Mrs. G. A. Gane has arrived in the city to spend the summer months.

Their Excellencies the Governor General and Lady Byng of Vimy have issued invitations for a garden party to be held this afternoon, June 3, in celebration of His Majesty's birthday.

The Educational Conference on Wednesday was found intensely interesting to the large audience in attendance and made a most fitting opening for the Teacher's Convention of the past two days, the sessions of which were very helpful to the teachers attending from different parts of the Province.

Mrs. Fred Edgecombe of Fredericton who is the guest of Mr. A. A. Pomeroy, is being widely entertained by numerous friends. Yesterday Mrs. Edgecombe was joined by her family Mr. and Mrs. Neil McCum and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Coy of Fredericton who will spend the week end here.

Mrs. (Rev.) D. McLean, was appointed President of the Ladies' Aid of the P. E. I. Hospital at their adjourned meeting on Thursday.

Citizens are pleased to learn that Mrs. Williams of Moncton has decided to make Charlottetown her home in future and has acquired the valuable residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ings on Fitzroy Street.

While in the city Dr. Stewart of Halifax was the guest of Rev. W. O. and Mrs. Mulligan.

Mrs. W. S. Louison is being welcomed back for the summer after a pleasant visit to her relatives in Montreal.

Congratulations are being showered on Miss Helen McLaren, whose marriage to Dr. Notting, takes place at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McLaren, Hillshoro Street, on Monday at high noon.

Miss Ross and Mrs. Frank McNeill, motored to the city Tuesday from Summerside on a short visit.

That the London season this year is going to be better in every way than last year is the opinion of dressmakers, dance and dinner cat-

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Notes By The Way

It is pleasing to note that some of the world's greatest troubles have passed away and others are passing. The great war of 1914-18 has gone; the "flu" epidemics of 1918-19 fatal to millions also no longer affect the nations. The appalling load of debt and taxation resulting from the war is so far as the British nation is concerned, being slowly but steadily reduced. Five hundred millions sterling of that debt have been already paid and some reduction of taxation made in the United Kingdom, if not yet in Canada. Honest and thrifty John Bull has shown his children what can be done and has led the way by a noble example which it is hoped they may yet follow.

That gloomy giant, the High Cost of Living, born of the War and nourished in blood and battle smoke, is still abroad in the world, but no longer so defiant and opp-

erers, and house agents. Social circles, so rudely broken by the Great War, are forming again. The number of hostesses giving dances and dinners is greater than a twelve-month ago. There are signs that the house-parties for Ascot will be larger and gayer, and dances there are being arranged as of old. As one observer remarked everything points to the fact that the world of fashion is settling down in its accustomed orbit once more, a fact which means more to the people of London in terms of work and wages than can be expressed.

His many friends in this Province are delighted to hear of the recent marriage of Lieut. Colin McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. B. McDonald, formerly of this city, and now residing in Penitton, B.C., to Miss Virginia Kimball, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kimball, of Lynn, Mass. The marriage took place at Banff, Alberta, on Friday the 26th of May. Mrs. McDonald has many friends in Charlottetown having visited here several years ago, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Robert McPherson. Mr. McDonald served in the C.E.F., and R.A.F. with distinction during the war having been severely wounded while flying on the Western Front.

pressive as he was. His doom has been pronounced and already he reels beneath the sturdy blows of the nations now in revolt, whom for years he had oppressed. The Vicious Circle of ever increasing cost of production and living—higher wages to miner, artisan and laborer and transportation employees, because the cost of living was higher, higher cost of coal and service because wages were higher, higher freight rates because of these, and higher cost of living because of that, to begin again where it had started, with new demands—that Vicious Circle has been broken.

It had been like the multiplied coils of a boa constrictor about the body of its victim, who had almost ceased to struggle. In a single squeeze of the coil in 1920 \$600,000,000 in wages alone was added to the cost of railway transportation in the United States. It was in turn added to the freight and passenger rates and these again added to the cost of living. By force of circumstances Canadian railways and the Canadian public were at the same time squeezed in like fashion, for our railways are interlocked with those across the border and wages and freight rates go up or down on both sides of the boundary as inevitably as the waters of the great lakes preserve a common level on their Canadian and American shores.

We have said that sturdy blows have been struck at the giant. In the United States last year. And lately the Interstate Commerce Commission struck off 400 millions more while the Labor Board, as a beginning, has moved to curtail it by 48 millions, and is looking beyond that to a still further reduction of 150 millions. Of course such sweeping cuts are being and will be resisted, but there is such universal demand as cannot be resisted for the reduction of the High Cost of Living and the cutting down of its chief pillars of support, the Cost of Production and Transportation. And the giant reels beneath these attacks while the tightened coils of the Vicious Circle relax their pressure.



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Canada must follow and is of necessity following it in rather tardy and reluctant fashion, this determined attack upon the High Cost of Living. It is inevitable that she must do so. She cannot live and prosper otherwise. Whether from choice or from necessity the change must come and it will be welcome. Whatever stands in the way must get out of the way. The costs of production and transportation must come down. Real economy must supplant the bastard economy now in vogue among ministers of state and politicians nero

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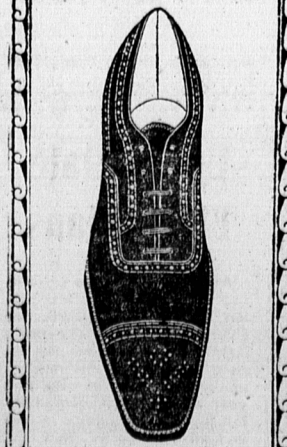
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