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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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Robertson Memorial Lecture

The wisdom of determining on a lecture-series as a memorial to the late principle of Prince of Wales College, Dr. Samuel Robertson, has been demonstrated in the value of the lectures so far delivered.

Thomas H. Raddall knows the Maritimes. He is steeped in the lore and history of these Provinces, particularly of his adopted Province of Nova Scotia, and has the skill to weave fascinating tales using the warp and woof of past events and popular tradition.

It was an excellent move on the part of those responsible for arranging the lectures to go on from having them delivered by teachers of literature and other subjects to selecting an artist who is creating some of the literature that will become part of our scholastic heritage.

Dr. Samuel Robertson was above all a scholar. He led generations of students to the fount of good literature in Greek, Latin and English. It is highly appropriate that a living representative of the profession of letters should deliver the lecture that has been established in his memory.

Atlantic Economic Council

The hope expressed in the budget speech last week of Hon. D. D. Patterson that something will emerge from the meeting last fall in Moncton of the Premiers of the Atlantic Provinces appears to be well on the way to being answered, says the Fredericton Gleaner.

Formation of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, says The Gleaner, could not be more timely. It is one thing for the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland each to concern itself with its own particular problems—and press its claims on the central government at Ottawa.

Hong Kong Today

Hong Kong, an oasis of plenty on a continent of want, is the free world's bright and bulging show window on Red China's coast. In spite of wars, embargoes, and the Bamboo Curtain, it remains a busy beachhead on the edge of the Communist world.

When British merchants set up a trading base on rocky Hong Kong Island in the 1830's, it was inhabited only by fishermen and pirates. Today nearly nine-tenths of Hong Kong's population of 2,250,000—all but 20,000 of them Chinese—live packed into 6 1/2 square miles of Victoria on Hong Kong Island and Kowloon across the mile-wide harbor.

well-known products made in the United States.

A free port, the colony levies almost no import duties, and prices are surprisingly low. Although commerce has dropped to something less than half its 1951 peak—before allied embargoes on trade with Red China—Hong Kong has not suffered a severe business slump, Mr. Long reports.

Moreover, new industries employ thousands. New textile mills and modern plastic works dramatize the industrial revolution that has taken place recently in Hong Kong. Negligible six or seven years ago, local industry today accounts for one-fourth of all exports.

A wave of refugees, pushed out of China by the rising tide of Communism, has swamped Hong Kong since World War II. Today the colony shelters at least half a million. Some 300,000 squatters live in drab shanty-towns plastered like wasps' nests on hillsides near Victoria and Kowloon.

Twenty-two miles inland from Kowloon is the border separating the British Crown Colony and Red China. The line stretches 17 miles across a peninsula, from Mirs Bay to Deep Bay. Rivers and streams form most of the boundary. About 12 miles are fenced. There are two main crossings—a railway and a road.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Farmers in this Province have their worries in such matters as trying to realize a profit over their costs of production and keeping down pests but at worst they pale into insignificance in comparison with those of the drought stricken area in the south-eastern United States.

Three of the R. C. N. Sea Fury fighters from Summerside are acting as the "enemy" in testing new radar units in Montreal. The long-range detecting sets will be installed in destroyer escorts and an aircraft carrier if the tests are satisfactory.

The P. E. I. Innkeepers' Association and the Charlottetown Board of Trade are combining forces in a reception and dinner for Mr. D. Leo Dolan, director of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, a measure of co-operation that augurs well for the further development of the industry.

It is matter for congratulation that the mainland division of the Atlantic region of the C. N. R. should have won the silver plaque for the lowest employee casualty rate. The award, however, brings to attention the oddity that Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton Island form part of the "mainland" territory.

Experiments are being carried on at Aberdeen, Scotland, to determine how long a fish has been out of water by comparing the eyes with a series of glass eyes filled with liquid of different cloudiness. The idea is to compare the efficiency of different methods of storing fish and to check on the age of fish landed by vessels.

An acute shortage of sulphur led India to increased efforts to replace sulphuric acid wherever possible. A method was evolved of preparing phosphatic fertilizer by the action of hydrochloric acid on phosphate rocks and phosphate nodules.

Robert Smith Surtees, English novelist, died this date 1864. He was articulated to a solicitor and duly qualified but came into money and gave himself up to the life of a sporting gentleman with journalistic and literary tastes. He founded the "New Sporting Magazine", recording in it the fictional episodes of the sporting career of Jorrocks, a character who achieved lasting fame.

Crop Planning Time



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.

CIVIC HOUSING PROBLEM

Sir,—We wish to express our gratitude to the editors of The Guardian, and particularly to Mr. Vic Runtz, for the interest shown in Charlottetown's housing problem.

The cartoon might lead some of your readers to believe that the statement "150 city families in unfit housing" is merely the opinion of one person. Actually, that figure is the estimate not of one person but of a twelve-person committee appointed by the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau to study the housing problem in the City of Charlottetown.

In the meantime, however, the committee is conducting a series of panel discussions before various service clubs and other interested groups in this city. To date, the public reaction has been very encouraging, and in no instance has our estimate of 150 slum dwellings been regarded as too high.

We are, Sir, etc. THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE Catholic Social Welfare Bureau

NEW CARLETON SCHOOL

Sir,—This letter is really to the good people of Carleton School District who have almost completed the erection of a new three-room school with a large well lighted basement beneath it.

A recreation centre in rural districts—the chance for a recreation centre together with a manual training one also. One-room fitted with power tools when once a week an evening could be spent by the boys of the district under the supervision of one of the many qualified wood craftsmen known to reside in Carleton can be of incalculable benefit to the rising generation.

There is no doubt but that this would have the approval of Educational and Physical Fitness authorities. Possibly some small grant might be secured to help defray costs, but in any such undertaking the benefits accrued will well repay the expense so why not get together and plan something. The School Board might take the initiative and thus become the first rural board to take on such a worthy project.

CHURCH COMFORT

WELLS, England, (CP)—Mrs. H. V. Moore, a rector's wife, told town council she favors knitting in church "as a means of attracting bigger congregations."

Notes By The Way

A carnival is featuring a man who can turn his head completely around. At long last nature has probably set out to evolve a pedestrian capable of survival.

A machine that unwrinks ralis is the latest boon to the bakery trade, and if it will do the same to necks we can see where it's due for a big play in barber shops and beauty emporia.

The men's fashion sections of the popular sporting magazines forecast that the well dressed male will soon be sporting a derby and spats.

Order of Daughters of the Empire who held a "high tea" to mark the occasion and to honor the first lady of the Yukon.

Mrs. George Black, OBE, FRGS, who celebrated her 88th birthday at Whitehorse, Yukon on February 24 was honored by the Whitehorse Chapter of the Imperial

It is a large farm of 480 acres, including the grounds of the Provincial Hospital for the Insane, and 320 acres of it are under cultivation.

The stock upon it now comprises an Ayrshire bull and sixteen Ayrshire cows and heifers, two short-horn bulls, and twenty-two short-horn cows and heifers; two rams and forty ewes and lambs of the Shropshire and Leicester breeds;

For this saith the Lord that created the heavens: God himself, that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer MR. ST. LAURENT AND MR. MALENKOV

No one would say that Prime Minister St. Laurent and Canada and Premier Malenkov of Russia have very much in common; on the contrary everybody (except perhaps Senator McCarthy) would say there are no two men in the world more different from each other in their political thinking and ideological outlooks.

Mr. St. Laurent made his statement in Tokyo just before he lunched with the Emperor. It was the chief impression he had formed from his world tour thus far is that people everywhere in the world desire peace. By the phrase "everywhere in the world" the Prime Minister presumably meant all the places he had visited which do not take in the entire world by any means.

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Pakistan and India, two very important countries, disagree on the question very noticeably. The one believes that any peace worth having depends on one's ability to resist any aggression that might come its way and is prepared to accept aid from the West for that purpose.

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