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

Coronation decorations are making their appearance on every hand. The more elaborate and permanent structures have long since been erected, including flagstaffs and protected window displays. A great deal remains to be done, however, in every part of this Province. Individual homes and business premises will appear gay with flags and bunting. Municipalities will be streaming decorations in the more prominent positions.

By the week-end every community in the Province should have taken on a gala air and be ready to celebrate the crowning of the Queen. On Sunday, however, there will be religious services as, indeed, Her Majesty has requested, and loyal subjects will give thanks and pray for their Queen on this solemn occasion.

The solemnity does not detract from the joyousness of the great event, rather it heightens the feelings of happiness and gives vital meaning to the celebration. Pomp and circumstance there will be plenty. But Queen Elizabeth II will be acclaimed in as many different ways as there are different hearts and different emotions. Her Majesty will be robed in state and every community and citizen will endeavour to do honour to the occasion.

Election In Nova Scotia

Premier Angus L. Macdonald has led the Liberal Party to victory for the fifth time in Nova Scotia, which in itself is a striking tribute to his popularity and prestige. The Government appealed on its record, stressing particularly its assistance to industry, education, hospital construction and highway maintenance. Another strong card in its hand was the Canso crossing project. The Progressive Conservatives under Mr. Robert Stanfield put up a vigorous fight, but the Government proved to be too strongly entrenched.

According to the Sydney Post-Record (Independent Conservative) the campaign was well conducted; it was kept on a high plane, and the issues of both major parties were ably presented. Also noticeable was the greatly increased interest shown throughout the Province by the public, in pleasing contrast to "the apathy of the past two elections."

One Conservative plank which the Liberals might take over with advantage was the pledge to "insist that the Federal Government carry out its promises to the Maritimes to decentralize industry, make cheap power available for Maritime industry, carry out the original intention of the Duncan Commission on freight rates, negotiate new treaties to develop new markets for food, fish, lumber and coal, and make the maximum use of our seaports." It would be unfortunate if Ottawa were to interpret these issues as of no consequence because of yesterday's results at the polls.

New Monuments Board

With the naming of new members, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board starts its reformed career as a statutory body instead of an honorary committee of advisers to the National Parks Service. This change, notes the Ottawa Citizen, was made recently by Parliament in accordance with a recommendation in the Massey Report. The work of the Board—causing places and structures of historic interest to be marked or restored—helps give reality to the past in Canadian minds, and interests tourists as well.

During three decades, about 400 tablets have been put up on cairns or buildings, and the Parks Service has restored such famous forts as those at Louisbourg, Annapolis, and Prescott. A notable reconstruction is Champlain's Port Royal Habitation at Lower Granville, N.S.—the oldest European-type dwellings on this continent north of the Spanish colonies.

But the Massey Commission reported some criticism of the Board's policies and public relations. It considered that stone cairns have "the melancholy of an old grave-yard without its charm." It advocated an expansion of the Board's work, with emphasis on preserving and restoring sites and buildings instead of merely marking where they were. It recommended, in brief, that the Board should be aggressive in serving the cause entrusted to it.

In some particulars, the Massey Report

has been disregarded. The Canadian Historical Association is disappointed that it was not asked to nominate two Board members. The Board now has a secretary, but not a full-time "professional historian." As secretary, however, Mr. C. G. Child, superintendent of historic parks and sites, is certainly in touch with the work being done, and the Board membership includes several prominent historians—Professors D. C. Harvey, H. M. Long, and W. N. Sage. It remains to be seen whether persons who are busy in their own fields can find time to carry out the energetic program envisaged by the Massey Commission. One prominent member of the Board is the representative from this Province, Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell.

Forest Conservation

With fire still constituting the No. 1 enemy of the forest, the Federal Minister of Lands and Mines, Hon. Norman Buchanan, has made an urgent appeal to all citizens to help prevent forest fires. This great destroyer is responsible for inflicting a monetary loss of about \$1,000,000 annually on our sylvan acres, and with an expected larger number of persons traversing the forest terrain this year the danger of fire becomes much greater.

The minister's plea to take every precaution to guard against originating an outbreak should be heeded. For timber is the most valuable of our natural resources, and though Canada still has a great deal, there is not so much that any of it can be spared for wasteful burning. Beside the immediate loss of the lumber ready for cutting, there is the loss involved in the years that pass before a burned-over area again produces anything of value.

This Province is not now heavily wooded, but brush fires do considerable damage every year, and if safety precautions are observed this loss can be reduced materially.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Sea Cadets of R.C.S.C.C. Kent turned out for annual inspection last evening with a special spirit, probably in anticipation of Coronation celebrations.

The Provincial Drama Festival is well under way at Charlottetown. If comedy seems to predominate, it certainly is a fault on the popular side.

It is reported that Moscow is to have bargain sales. Alas for the workers' paradise, a capitalist merchandising serpent must have found his way in.

It is certainly much easier to pick a Premier in this Province than in France. Socialist Guy Mollet failed to form a government, as also did Andre Diethelm of the Right. It is to be hoped that M. Paul Raymond has more success.

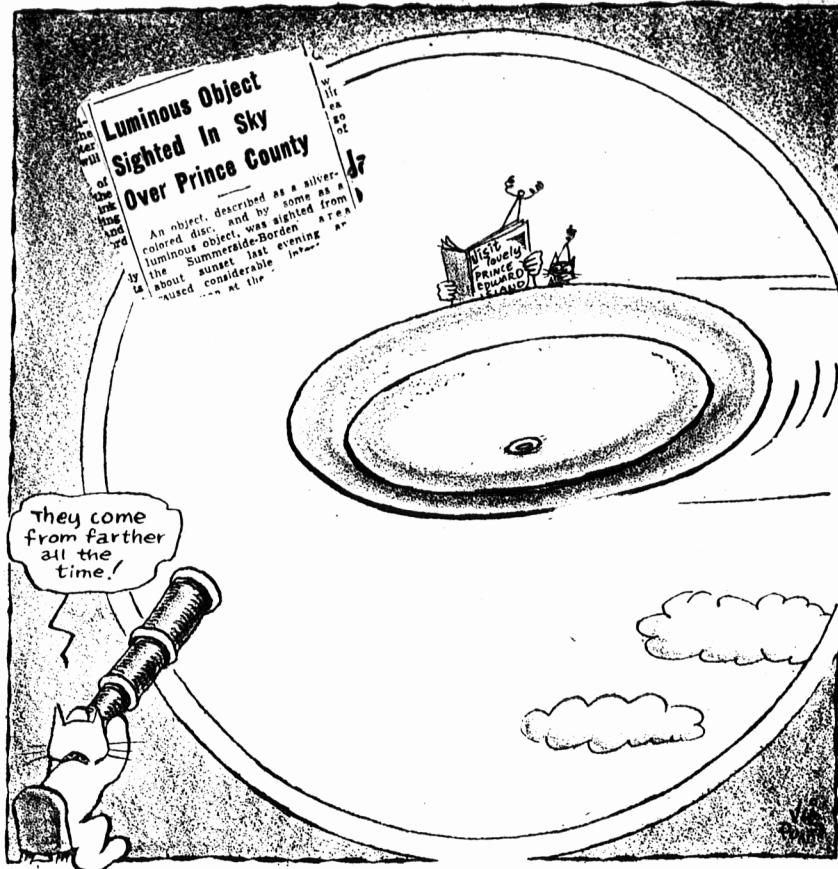
The force which is now the Royal Canadian Mounted Police celebrated its 80th birthday on the 23rd, the anniversary of the passing of the North-West Mounted Police Act. The advance of civilization may have detracted something from the glamour of that force but certainly not from its reputation for effectiveness and integrity.

"Operation budworm" is under way in northern New Brunswick. This Province has an interest in the success of the attempt to stop the spread of the budworm for it has been observed that the Strait is far from being a perfect barrier against pests which reach the New Brunswick coast.

Major Thomas B. Rogers was widely known throughout the Province, and his death last evening will be learned with deep regret. A veteran of two World Wars and a former member of the City Council, he took an active part in military and civil affairs for several years. He was well known as a sportsman, and did much to promote the interests of harness racing and hockey. He was warmly attached to his native Province, and a great booster of its tourist and other advantages. Sincere sympathy is extended to his bereaved widow and family on this occasion.

The Bismarck, German battleship, officially of 35,000 tons but probably 50,000, was sunk this date 1941. She was Germany's most powerful warship and claimed to be practically unsinkable. She was sighted between Greenland and Iceland and pursued to within 400 miles of Brest. She sank the Hood at a range of 13 miles and inflicted slight damage to the Prince of Wales. The Fleet Air Arm, R. C. A. F., destroyers, units from the Home Fleet, from Gibraltar, and from Atlantic escort and support groups took part in the pursuit. Her accompanying cruiser, the Prinz Eugene, escaped, eventually to Brest.

A Closer Look



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.

SHUT-INS' DAY

Sir, For the past thirteen years, the first Sunday of June—June seventh this year—has been observed as Shut-Ins' Day. It might be asked, who are the Shut-Ins? They are folk who are shut in through age, disability and various types of illness for months or even years. Not only are they confined to their homes, hospitals or other institutions, but many cannot even leave their beds. It is hoped that if people enjoying good health will remember these less fortunate and bring them some extra cheer and fellowship on one particular day, that they will be more mindful of them throughout the year.

Therefore, I would urge all who are in a position to do so, to help promote the observance of Sunday, June seventh as Shut-Ins' Day. I am, Sir, etc.

DANIEL GASS
Cornwall, P. E. I.

ROYAL FAMILY HERITAGE

Sir, It is remarkable the number of people who are ignorant of the financial set-up of our Royal Family. Good, loyal people who are forced on a painful defensive when the "Antis" needle them over the expense of the Crown. From an American magazine I learn that our Royal Family does not cost the British taxpayer one cent. Their income comes from their own heritage dating back to 1066 A.D. The article stated that in 1952, after all expenses were paid, the British Treasury received a juicy dividend of £880,000 from this Royal heritage, that since King George the Third made the agreement with Parliament the British taxpayers have made a profit of nearly \$300,000,000 on the contract that each succeeding monarch has the right to terminate this contract but out of their deep loyalty and sense of duty none have done so and that our Queen has already renewed the contract. I am, Sir, etc.

READER.
Albany, P.E.I.

NURSING SERVICES

Sir, In anticipating a move by the Federal Government to introduce health insurance into Parliament, and realizing the important part that nursing services would play about any future legislation take place, the nurses of Canada through their national organization, the Canadian Nurses' Association, prepared and presented a brief to the Department of National Health and Welfare. The reception of the brief by the Hon. Paul Martin was gratifying, and we were assured of his personal co-operation and that of his Department.

The recommendations as contained in the brief were based on those of major concern to nursing as contained in the provincial Health Survey Reports. As stated in the brief, the recommendations show a similarity of nursing needs in all provinces across Canada. Those of major concern centre around recruitment, research, education and service, as follows: Recruitment: Recommended that funds be made available to stimulate enrolment in professional and auxiliary nursing schools and to interest graduate nurses to prepare for special fields of nursing. Also that technical assistance be continued for the preparation of materials for recruitment. Research, Experimental and Demonstration: Recommended further research to determine the nursing needs of society that adequate nursing personnel to meet these needs may be prepared. Nursing Education: Recommended that grants be continued and extended for the improvement of

Old Charlottetown
(And P. E. I.)

SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING

"A brigantine of 130 tons, called the 'Cumberland', built by Mr. J. W. James, of Charlottetown, was, on Saturday last, launched at DeSable. An attempt had been made to launch her last spring in the manner in which she successfully performed this critical operation. The arrangements are described by a spectator as having been admirable; notwithstanding the number of hands employed, all was conducted without noise, confusion, and, stranger still, without RUM!"
—Royal Gazette, Nov. 4, 1834.

The Age Old Story

Simon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united; for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

nursing education through increasing prepared personnel; improving and extending nursing education facilities; organizing and developing refresher courses for graduate nurses; and the extension of approved courses for nursing assistants. Service: Recommended the development of organized home care services by extension of hospital facilities into the community, by wide use of visiting nursing and housekeeping services; more effective and economical use of personnel; stabilization of nursing staffs by improved personnel policies, including provision for pension plans and group insurance; better integration of preventive and treatment services among all agencies providing health and welfare services. Knowing that health services are of vital concern to all, we are interested in bringing to the attention of the public the fact that the nursing profession is striving to do its part in meeting the needs of a healthful program for the people of Canada. We are, Sir, etc.

THE ASSOCIATION OF NURSES OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Poet's Corner

FROM ODE IN MAY

Let me go forth, and share
The overflowing sun
With one wise friend, or one
Better than wise, being fair.
Where the peewit wheels and dips
On heights of bracken and lings,
And Earth, unto her leaflet tips,
Tingles with the Spring.

What is so sweet and dear
As a prosperous morn in May,
The confident prime of the day,
And the dauntless youth of the year.
When nothing that asks for bias,
Asking aright, is denied,
And half of the world a bridegroom
Is,
And half of the world a bride?
—Sir William Watson.

History's Big Bargain

(Christian Science Monitor)
Just 150 years ago April 30 the United States successfully concluded purchase negotiations for what may have been history's greatest bargain in land. It also looked to some at the time as history's biggest pig in its biggest poke. The new "Republic of the West" bought from Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte of France the million square miles of the Louisiana Territory for \$11,250,000 (plus interest, plus assumption of certain claims). It has turned out to be a bargain because, in terms of money alone, land which was purchased in 1803 at the price of 4 cents an acre now is worth \$50 an acre—figuring it all, towns, cities, and open country, at no more than the value of farm land. It has turned out to be a very fine "pig" indeed because an area

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AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

Notes By The Way

The fellow at the next desk sighs that he'll never feel as rich as he did right after the war when you couldn't get delivery on a car and he had an order with every dealer in town.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Thirty years from now parents will be telling their children what tough times they had as kids, walking 100 yards to the nearest school bus stop, instead of being picked up off the front steps by helicopter. —Kingston Whig-Standard.

Announcement in the House of Commons that a site has been selected for the National Library of Canada, will be welcomed by book lovers, scholars and research workers throughout the Dominion. Plans yet to be prepared for the new building are awaited with keen interest. —Sydney Post-Record.

What this newspaper has been complaining about over the past several years is that pupils come out of the primary and secondary schools with practically no knowledge of the geography of their own province, what the counties and districts are, or more important, perhaps the location of principal towns and cities. It is not their fault. They were never taught. When one educationist was asked about his reply was that "We teach them where they can find out." At that rate they could teach spelling by telling the pupils they could find the words correctly spelled in a dictionary. —Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Emrys Hughes, British socialist member of Parliament, protests over the costs of the Coronation. He takes exception to the nation spending two million pounds. How can this be justified? he asks. The answer can be supplied by any advertising man: "It pays to advertise." He has to spend money to make money. The English businessman is not one to toss away millions needlessly. Nor is he taking much of a gamble on the coronation. Coronation Year will probably bring in more tourist dollars and foreign currency than any other post-war year. Mr. Hughes should take course in publicity.—London Free Press.

Which a contemporary geographer described as "wholly unfit for the abode of civilized man and entirely unsuited to the cultivation of agriculture" is now inhabited by 24,000,000 people as civilized as any, and it feeds millions more. There is far more to be said about the contributions of the 13 states eventually carved out of this vast domain to the economic well-being of the nation and the world. But there is a moral to be found in just the few facts cited: Where men have hope, courage, and liberty—never sell the future short.

This business of switching Victoria Day to the previous Monday, six days out as this year, is going to take some getting used to. The Good Queen would not have approved such monkeyshines. —Ottawa Journal.

Having finally seen Johnny Ray perform in a movie short, we must confess that the only emotion we could manage to evoke was that of laughter! How such writings and facial contortions could make bobby-soxers squeal with delight is something completely beyond our ken.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

It seems to us to be perfectly proper that goods should be labelled properly as substitutes when they are such, and as genuine goods, only when such a title is justified. "Phony" labels, bearing half-truths, or lacking essential information, should be made the subject of prosecution of the guilty parties. Not so long ago a bottle of "Scott's" whisky was produced in the British Isles and the name of a nobleman who pointed to the fine print on the bottom of the label "Made in Japan." —Owen Sound Sun-Times.

A young businessman recently arrived in England, by air, to visit relatives. He was eleven-year-old Billy Charbonneau of Weston, born overseas of a wartime marriage. He had paid his own way, with his own money, and he still had some left over for incidental expenses. Young Billy is a newspaperboy, and a smart one. He decided he would make the trip on his own, and he didn't have to ask anybody to lend him money. This illustrates the advantage gained by young boys who have paper routes. It isn't just that they earn money, though this is valuable training and often a very real help to families of modest means. The experience gained in handling money and in meeting people promotes self-reliance. His parents had no qualms about letting Billy head off on his own on the overseas trip.—Windsor Star.

Who is this lady with part of her cheek chopped away who appears on Canada's latest postage stamp? If this is a picture of Queen Elizabeth, she has changed sadly since she visited Canada, a supposition which her most recent photographs do not confirm. Some Canadian stamps are good; some not. The 10-center issued a couple of years ago with out-of-proportion heavier skins stretched on frames beside a wigwag was an example of the "no" kind. The recent bighorn stamp is no beauty either. No doubt philatelists rejoice to see stamp following stamp in quick succession, but fewer stamps and better ones might be a wise policy.—Toronto Star.

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