

Further CNR Curtailment

Prince County is now threatened with the loss of most of its scheduled train services for the period between April 30 and December 1, as revealed by Mr. J. S. Wright, president of the Summerside Board of Trade.

The balance of the lines in this Province are already affected under the Transport Commission's ruling. The Railway argued that these lines were uneconomical as passenger services, and this seemed to be the determining principle in the Commission's finding.

All these moves, of course, stem from the Legislature's action in turning down the Railway application for bus licenses a few years ago. It was proposed at that time to substitute a modern CNR bus for passenger train service during the summer months, with provision for terminal and maintenance facilities on an adequate scale.

More important than railway passenger service today is the freight problem resulting from the new train schedules. The running of freights when the Railway considers them to be warranted leaves too much discretion in the officials' hands.

The Girl Guides

A well written and lucid report, regardless of its subject matter, always makes interesting reading. That is one reason why the report made by Mrs. F. Gordon Hutcheson, retiring Commissioner of the Provincial Girl Guides Association, is entitled to commendation.

the face of an almost overpowering challenge. But, in each instance, the reward is great—the satisfaction of having had a part in the development of a well-balanced healthy citizenship.

It may be a little too much to suggest that Scouting and Guiding are the answer to juvenile delinquency and other problems of youth in our modern complex society; since, of course, there are many boys and girls who, for one reason or another, are untouched and uninfluenced by either movement.

It is a little disappointing to note that, owing to a shortage of well trained personnel, Guide camps were held only in one county last year. This was unfortunate, since camping, under proper conditions and competent management, is itself an important facet of youth-centered service.

Free Dispensary Appeal

The Charlottetown Free Dispensary has done, and is doing, splendid work on behalf of destitute families, and the past season has made heavy demands upon its limited resources.

Organizations of this kind depend largely on freewill contributions, and every effort should be made to maintain them on this footing. It is the individual touch that counts. There is also much more satisfaction to be derived from contributing voluntarily to charitable appeals, than in having the work done as a state responsibility.

EDITORIAL NOTES

According to the Bureau of Statistics, gains in farm cash income were made last year in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec, but these were offset by declines in the West. The total figure showed a drop by \$42,700,000 in 1955 to a five-year low of \$2,352,600,000.

"Touring Prince Edward Island", official guide to the highways of the Province issued by the P.E.I. Travel Bureau, appears now in an attractive orange cover and doubtless there will be a great demand for this booklet during the coming tourist season.

The British Ambassador to the United States

The British Ambassador to the United States has referred to the "solidarity" that exists between his country and the United States. Judging from comments in the British press, however, relations between the two allies are worse now than they have been at any time in recent history.



IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Greenland's Ice Dome

National Geographic Society

Enough ice covers Greenland to envelop the entire world in a frozen sheath 17 feet thick. Cut into jumbo ice cubes, it would give every person on earth a two-ton chunk once every minute for a year.

If it melted all at once, the world's oceans would rise by 24 feet—perhaps higher as Greenland itself lifted from release of weight. Such are the almost inconceivable dimensions of the Greenland ice dome—647,800 cubic miles of ice.

From 1948 until 1953, and scheduled again in 1957, French expeditions to Greenland have explored and surveyed the icy face of the largest island on earth.

Totally unknown plains, plateaus, valleys and mountain chains were discovered buried two miles deep. Map makers blazed 10,000 miles of new exploration. Climatologists recorded conditions that affect the weather of the entire North Atlantic and the lands around it.

They fought moving glacial snow and ice, slush, hummocks and crevasses, warm foehn winds and mid-summer blizzards with gusts of 130 miles per hour and temperatures of 40 degrees below zero.

Eventually their Central Icecap Station was built. For two successive winters, parties of eight men dug in and lived through some of the world's wildest weather.

For the first time, the depth of much of the icecap was measured. Bedrock in places was found to be below sea level. Reports were that Victor had found Greenland to be not one but three islands, but he himself writes, "We are hardly able to say that."

Victor observes that Greenland's own ice is the chief reason why it has all not melted away long ago, as did the great ice desert that once covered much of northern Europe, Asia, and America.

By lowering himself into a well three feet across and 100 feet deep, the explorer was able to read a century's history in layers of never-compacted snow—much like tree rings. This hole was only a pinprick in the ice dome, however; seismological readings showed that the icecap stood on top of some 10,400 feet of snow and ice.

To fill in a remaining blank spot on Greenland's map between 74 degrees north and 77 degrees north, the French leader hopes to return with another expedition during the 1957-58 International Geophysical year.

Northwest Highway System

By The Canadian Press

The army is preparing for its annual struggle to keep the Canadian section of the Alaska highway open during the unpredictable weeks of the spring breakup.

The battle against the inevitable attack is fought by soldiers and civilians employed by the Northwest Highway System, a branch of the defence department. The battleground is 1,200 miles of highway twisting through five mountain ranges from Dawson Creek, B.C., north to the Alaska border.

Civilian employees of the system are stationed at 16 permanent maintenance camps along the highway. Problems faced each spring by camp foremen are as varied as the northern weather.

Main headache of George Nelms, 48, district foreman of a 72-mile section of highway midway between Dawson Creek and Whitehorse, Y.T., is washouts. Without warning, thousands of tons of water can sweep down on the highway, washing out huge chunks of road.

In previous years Mr. Nelms' six-man crew has restored as much as half a mile of road within hours of a flash flood. But no sooner has one section of road been restored than another disappears. Boulder and rocks are carried by the rushing water block culverts and pile up against bridge piers.

Heavy rain storms in July and August are the chief threat to the Summit Lake section of the highway which has an elevation of 4,250 feet. One storm last year took out three sections of road and both approaches to a bridge in less than an hour.

Mud Hill, at mile post 367 north of Dawson Creek, southern end of the highway. As soon as the frost starts leaving the ground, the hill, road and other terrain start slipping down the mountain into the Testa River valley. It is necessary to rebuild any road that disappears.

An even worse problem is encountered farther south in the Prophet river section, some 250 miles north of Dawson Creek. The highway runs over a hill which tends to shift. Once the shifting has ended the damaged section must be rebuilt.

At Fort Nelson, B.C. a dam is being built in an effort to control the spring rampage of the Muskwa river and save concrete bridges from damage. More than 30,000 cubic yards of earth and gravel were used this winter to build a dam a short distance above the bridge.

Engineers hope to divert the river at the height of the spring runoff so that it flows more directly under the bridge.

Civic Tax Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal from Civic Valuations and Assessments in the City of Charlottetown has set Monday, April 23rd, 1956, at the hour of 9:30 A.M. in the Court Room in the City Building, as the time and place for the hearing of appeals from Civic Valuations and Assessments.

Dated at Charlottetown this eleventh day of April A.D. 1956. J. A. FULLERTON, City Clerk

The Poet's Corner

PERFECT IMAGE

It is one with the foam Of the petulant sea, A pattern that came And went with the tide; It will not wing home Like a bird to a tree, Being wild as the flame That warmed you and died. It calls to you lonely When searching has found A fragment, a fragment Of form that endures; But capture it only On elf-haunted grounds And leave it the moment A moon obscures.

—Elias Lieberman in the New York Times.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 13, 1931)

Newfoundland now is facing a puzzling academic problem. Whether the Oldest Colony shall continue to take pride in that name, or shed its distinction for the newer style of "Dominion" tests on three bills or resolutions now before the House of Assembly.

Several of the large foxmen in Beque and vicinity report some large litters of fox pups some less fortunate have several small litters.

Mr. Daniel Taylor, Nine Mile Creek, has been engaged by some of the farmers to convey their potatoes to the City. As time is money, they don't feel like waiting till the steamer goes into service.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 13, 1946)

A special meeting of the City Council was called last night to consider the operation of a bus service within the City limits. The application sponsored by Lieut. Col. C.C. Thompson, Major T.B. Rogers, Major D.L. Mathieson and H.C. Trainor, calls for operation of regular routes within the City of Charlottetown with a passenger capacity of not less than 21.

A. P. Ceretti, of Borden, P.E.I., a master diver in the engineering department of the C.N.R. Atlantic Region, was the guest of honor at a function held in the office of the chief engineer, P.L. Landers, Moncton, Wednesday, on the occasion of his retirement from the railway.

T.V. JINGLES

BY STEW MacKAY



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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Budeson, M. D.

A SINGLE VACCINATION WON'T LAST A LIFETIME

As a rule, a single vaccination won't protect you or your children from smallpox for life. So don't be lulled into a false sense of security just because you or your youngsters were vaccinated once years ago.

And the simple fact that you were vaccinated is no sign that you were given an immunity to this dread disease. If the vaccination didn't "take", it probably didn't do you any good.

Evidence that the vaccination has been effective is noted between the fifth and seventh days for the first vaccination and within 24 to 48 hours for revaccination.

During the first three days following a successful primary vaccination the site will become reddened and irritating. A papule or pimple will form between the third and fifth day and will become blistered between the fifth and seventh day. A day scab will form on about the tenth day and soon drop off leaving only a tiny scar.

SPEEDIER PROCESS

In the case of second or third vaccinations, the process is speedier with the papule appearing within the second or third day.

There are various reasons why a vaccination might not take. Maybe the glycerined calf lymph used might have deteriorated and become inactive. Maybe the doctors technique was faulty. Or perhaps the site selected for the vaccination has been frequently used in the past and has become refractory.

If the vaccination does not take, it's best to repeat it in about two weeks. Seldom is there a severe reaction if the vaccination is performed before the age of six months. In an adult, however, complications are more serious.

Now about this matter of length of immunity. Minimal vaccination, in which the scar is kept to a minimum, may not give immunity of more than several years. Other vaccinations may last five to seven years or even longer.

Doctors as a rule advise that children especially should be re-vaccinated every six years. If smallpox breaks out in your community an unlikely occurrence these days, everyone should be vaccinated immediately.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. F.H.: While I was pregnant, I got brown spots all over my face. Can these be eliminated?

Answer: Brown spots are due to excessive pigmentation. Often these spots may be bleached out by the use of such ointments as ammoniated mercury.

However this should be done by a physician since there is danger in the use of bleaching ointments. This condition is not due to any trouble with the liver.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Everybody likes the man whose head steers the same size, even though his job and income get bigger.—St. Catherine's Standard

Hard-pressed transit agencies in Canada are doubtless keenly interested in that row in Alabama, where they are trying to put people in jail for not riding the buses.—Edmonton Journal

Plans for a new 120-story building in St. Louis provide for 18 levels below ground—for parking. For years now the ordinary man on the street has been wondering how high sky-scrapers would reach. Now he is going to wonder how low we can get.—Fort William Times

When Arnold Webster, leader of the CCF in British Columbia, resigned he said he was unhappy with the "rat race" of a political career. Evidently a politician's life is not all gravy, as some enthusiasts like to believe. In seeking a life that is a little more quiet and regular, Mr. Webster will be going after something most men want.—Ottawa Citizen.

When a Russian trawler ran on the rocks off the North Shetland Islands the other day, the crew did what almost forty years of the Soviet regime have taught Russians to do in the presence of foreigners. They refused a British offer of assistance. This suggests the "new look" the Kremlin's current rulers are attempting to give Russian affairs is meaningless, or that the country's seamen haven't heard of it yet. The old fear of being compromised by association with outsiders cuts deep, when it feeds off rescue efforts.—Windsor Star

Briefly capturing the attention of curious bystanders at Orly airport in Paris was a stiffly dignified personage with a small, thin mustache carrying a green parket in a cage in one hand and a furled umbrella in the other. Obviously British from crown to sole, he haughtily gave reporters the name of James Kirkwood and consented to identify himself as a gentleman's gentleman! Far less imposing than this frigid personality was his master and owner Churchill, huddled in a windbreaker on his way to a sojourn in Nice.—France Am-rique

People who have half an hour to spare usually spend it with someone who hasn't.—Toronto Star

If you're always longing for the good old days, just try reading these items by oil lamp.—London Free Press

New that Communists have started interfering with water supplies, by using ultra-violet rays in it, anti-fluoridationists may use another argument. They may claim fluoridation is a dirty Communist trick to sabotage the health of free peoples!—Windsor Star

A government that sends its own stuffed shirts overseas with first-class travel and accommodations and a liberal expense account, but makes second class tourists of its VC heroes, has lost its sense of decency. Even if Canada's Federal Government decides after going to reverse its decision to send VCs to England for the award centennial at tourist fares and \$5.50 a day, it still won't remove the nasty taste left in citizens' mouths.—Vancouver Sun

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