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Good Causeway Publicity

"The P.E.I. Causeway Is More Than A Road," is the heading of a timely article in the current issue of the Financial Post, Toronto...

Written by Marcus Van Steen, Halifax, the article notes the steady increase in trucks and cars carried on the CNR ferries in recent years...

The deficit in operating the rail and car ferry service from Cape Tormentine to Borden has been increasing steadily over the years. In 1940 it amounted to \$400,000.

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After Five Years

It is now more than five years since the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on desegregation of the schools. Some progress has been made, but integration is still far from a reality.

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southern and border states, there are about 439,000 Negro public school pupils. In those districts desegregation has been started or completed.

These figures are small when it is considered that the southern and border states have 9,660,000 white and 2,970,344 Negro public school pupils. The courts have been cutting away at the legal barriers thrown in the way of integration by many states.

For example, North Carolina has 322,000 Negro public school pupils. But only one in each 20,000 is in a mixed classroom under the state's pupil placement system.

The Greek Spirit

Greece may be tiny compared to mighty Russia, but it refuses to be cowed by Moscow's threats. Consider this terse response, as reported in the Athens News, to a Soviet note protesting that Greece was establishing guided missile bases at American request:

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EAST-WEST DUEL: ROUND ONE

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

CAUSEWAY REPORT

Sir,—The report on the causeway as handed down by Hon. Mr. Green in the House of Commons seems to be based on a very misleading and unreal statement viz: that tidal conditions would cause a variation of ten feet on either side of the fill.

Anyone familiar with tide conditions in Northumberland Strait knows that the flow and ebb is governed by the waters entering or receding from either end of the Strait. The result of the entrance is that these two currents must find a meeting place somewhere in the Straits.

It was mainly on this account that the present ferry terminals were selected. Due to incoming meeting of tides, ice may temporarily close pack but the receding tides moving in opposite directions as mighty giants quickly break up these conditions and make easy crossing possible within the space of a very short time.

As for the effect on land, that should not be a cause for worry. Tides have been washing these shores for ages and most of our Island is still here.

Knowing tidal action it would seem that a causeway would have little effect on its behaviour. Contrary to common belief incoming tides do not rush from either end of the strait as a great wall of water but as more or less of an eddy following the shore lines and working towards the centre, or in other words at certain time in the tide there can be still water in mid strait with heavy currents along the shore line or vice versa.

NO DOUBT there will be further reports on other phases of this undertaking and it will be interesting to note what expert opinion will have to say on ice, icing conditions and particularly on financing, etc.

am, Sir, etc., CLOSE-BY OBSERVER Summerside, P.E.I.

TRUE STORY OF GREEN GABLES

Sir,—I am writing you, not for the sake of being critical or fault-finding, but to give you a little information on something I saw in the Tourist section of your paper on May 19th.

First of all, I may say I worked along with others at Green Gables for the past nine years, and, from the beginning of those nine years, we have tried to find out the true story of Green Gables. This we were able to do, by conversing with the oldest residents of Cavendish who knew Lucy Maud Montgomery well and went to the same school at the same time she did.

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OTTAWA REPORT

Cigars, Cops And Robbers

By Patrick Nicholson

Dr. Rynard's suggestion that women should smoke cigars which this column hinted was implicit in his budget speech, has raised the good-natured storm which—to be frank—was not unforeseen.

Typical of comment reaching this column is a charming letter from Mrs. Grace Dunning, of Orillia, where Tory M.P. Dr. P. B. Rynard also makes his home. Mrs. Dunning suggests that "our favourite doctor" should be honoured by the cigar companies, which should name a cigar for him: "El Rynard Medico."

That is a convincing argument from Orillia—almost. If female lips must smoke, I personally would sooner they were alive chewing a cigarillo, than dead immortalizing the dangers of cigarette-smoking in the message Orillia's favourite doctor was perhaps hinting at.

The subject of U.S. Cops who are also robbers proved to be another topic popular with many readers. This column referred to the evil practice in certain U.S. communities, whereby cars with out-of-town licences are picked up and their drivers charged, while cars with local licences are not stopped.

Despond Lonergan of Quebec City writes to warn me that this practice is not unknown inside Canada, and he suggests that motorists should travel between Cornwall, Ontario, and Kingston, Ontario, on the U.S. side of the river, to avoid certain of the intervening riverside communities in Ontario where "the greatest of all highwaymen set traps for unsuspecting and reasonable motorists".

Another reader who writes to me on this same topic is Hon. C. C. Williams, Minister of Labour in the Saskatchewan Government. Mr. Williams kindly sent me the interesting details of an occasion when the Fire Commissioner and Deputy Fire Commissioner of that province, were both singled out of a convoy of cars with local licences in the state of Michigan.

am, Sir, etc., MRS. WILFRED PICKERING, Kensington, P.E.I.

LIME POLICY NEEDED

Sir,—I guess we are not using near enough lime on our Island farms. For better hay and grass land "it's cheap". Shortage of labour is the main reason. In Nova Scotia they have big Government lime spreading trucks which take the lime in bulk from the cars and spread it right on the fields.

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Few Insects Are Dangerous

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. POISONOUS insects and snakes are a menace in several vacation areas of the country. Fortunately, there are relatively few insects with really dangerous bites.

Yet they can and do, spoil many otherwise happy vacations each summer, so I'd like to pass on a few words of advice. A great many persons are afraid of spiders, usually without justification. The spider tarantula, for example, should be avoided, but it is not really its dangerous as most persons have been led to believe.

Their bite is painful, but it has only a local effect on humans. Ordinarily, a wet pack of baking soda will relieve the pain. Still, I suggest you contact a doctor as soon as you can, if you have been bitten.

There are a few tropical species that are occasionally found in this country and their bite is poisonous. The black widow spider, on the other hand, is always a creature to be dreaded. It can be deadly. A full-grown black widow, sometimes called the shoebottom or the hourglass spider, is a glossy black spider with a red or yellowish hourglass-shaped mark on the abdomen.

There are drugs available to counteract the poison of its bite, but only a doctor can administer them properly. So it is highly important to get anyone bitten by a black widow spider to a doctor as quickly as possible.

Scorpions are rather repulsive-looking creatures, too. They look something like lizards and are sometimes found in the vacation areas of the southwestern United States and in Mexico.

They have long tails and pinchers, similar to those of crayfish in front. They don't bite, they sting, with a whiplash of their tails. Even the harmless varieties pack a real punch. Again some varieties of scorpions can be deadly. While a wet pack of baking soda can be used to provide immediate relief, I strongly recommend taking the victim to a doctor in a hurry.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. J.H.: What is the difference in the symptoms of colitis and cancer of the bowels. Answer: These symptoms may be very similar. It is best to consult a physician.

being handed out to a Hamilton, Ontario, business man in the state of Georgia—treatment which has led to an exchange of diplomatic notes between Ottawa and Washington. The U.S. law enforcement officer involved in that case has a record of pistol-whipping motorists whom he stopped on a traffic charge.

This column has suggested that the lewd and suggestive elements and the brutal and crime-glorifying episodes, should be forced off our Canadian broadcasting "entertainments". Mrs. Alice Beiber of Pembroke is one of several readers who have endorsed this proposal. She deprecates the manner in which TV and other media are filling our children's minds with evil influences which nullify the good implanted by our churches and schools.

And she explains that, with her two girls and one boy, she enjoys relaxation at such wholesome activities as camping, skating and gardening: "We have no TV."

Since my comments were written, a storm has rent the province of Quebec over a C.B.C. presentation centred round Marie d'Youville, who founded the Grey Nuns or Sisters of Charity order. On the very evening when she was beatified by the Catholic Church in Rome, the C.B.C. depicted her as a lewd, wanton, degenerate woman, little better than a prostitute, as one Quebec Catholic disgustedly commented to me. That is one side of the picture; the other side is the modern trend which makes even Sagaw White into a blood-curdling horror story, unfit for small children to see on the screen.

Justice Minister Davie Fulton has long crusaded against obscenity in literature. As the father of three small girls, he must be aware of the problem facing parents who permit their children to be "entertained" by certain cinema or TV programs. Here surely is a field wherein a Cabinet Minister can exercise his influence for good.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Government is like cars or houses—nobody is satisfied with the kind he can afford.—Vancouver Sun

Mark Twain once said that gold is "a good walk spoiled." That may account for Samuel L. Clemens' never becoming President.—Christian Science Monitor

Soviet authorities have complained about Norwegian reindeer wandering back and forth across the 122-mile border. Perhaps they fear Trojan reindeer, with spies inside them. All genuine reindeer might be branded and nose-printed, to facilitate checking up on their nationality.—Ottawa Citizen

The Age Old Story

God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

The Poets Corner

ASLEEP UPON THE WATER An albatross asleep upon the water—the long heavy seas rolling—still as floated ice, rising, falling, now on the top of the terrible billow now slowly lost inside the hollow vulcan'd fathom: no feather-flutter, no curious twist of neck; head under wing—search and flight for once suspended.

Ocean itself, vast shuddering creature, half-drowses and hugely dreams, whom a still bird, sleeping, tames.

—Norma Farber in the Christian Science Monitor

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