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"In The National Interest"

Discussing the doubtful future of Springhill, the Toronto Globe and Mail says the imperative thing for the nation is to ensure that the fullest possible use is made of the character which the miners there have exemplified.

With this statement we are in emphatic agreement. What irked Maritimers in the first Gordon Commission report was the supercilious suggestion that miners or other workmen in depressed areas should have their way paid to other parts of Canada to find employment—presumably to the big industrial Provinces, to which we have exported far too much of our brains and brawn already.

The focus now is on Springhill," adds our Toronto contemporary, "but a similar situation applies in many other parts of the Maritime Provinces. Our history has repeatedly shown the rich human resources of the area, and the lack of opportunity for them to make their maximum contribution to the nation.

That puts the situation in a nutshell. While the progress made under the Rural Beautification Society's program in this Province is most gratifying, there is unfortunately more truth than poetry in Lieutenant Governor Hyndman's complaint at the Society dinner about the still existing "eyesores" that need attention.

Rural Beautification

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Gracious Invitation

The invitation from Governor Marvin of Georgia to a number of Springhill miners to convalesce in his State and at his expense was another in the long list of kindly gestures that have come the town's way since the latest mining disaster shocked an entire continent.

Whether the invitation will be accepted is not yet known. But some of the miners have been quoted as saying that, while they are

thankful and appreciative, they do not think they will go. This view is understandable. Springhill is their home. It is where most of their friends are; and doctors say that in general—there are exceptions, of course—the road to recovery is better travelled in familiar surroundings among old friends and acquaintances.

Then, too, there is something about Georgia, its gentle climate notwithstanding, that might not be to the liking of Springhill men. On their home grounds they are accustomed for one man to be regarded as good as another, whatever his colour or race, as long as he behaves like a man.

For all that, the invitation was a gracious one; and Governor Marvin and the people of Georgia are to be honoured for it.

Winter Employment

A later report on the Federal Government plan to help municipalities provide winter employment indicates that it is by no means a cure for all unemployment ills. It is, however, a helpful measure. It will cover municipal roads, other than arterial; streets, sidewalks, water and storm sewers and parks—but not buildings of any kind.

It is helpful to remember, too, that the Federal 50 per cent participation involves pay roll costs only. It is not intended to cover costs of materials.

To qualify for Federal aid, municipalities will have to meet certain tests to ensure that projects undertaken are in addition to those which would be undertaken normally, without Federal participation. Hiring men for snow removal, for example, will not qualify for aid. But clearing of debris to start a new city road—provided it had been planned for next summer—will be eligible.

It must be noted further that, while the plan does not involve Provincial aid, agreement of the Province, in each case, must be forthcoming. This is because the municipalities are the "creatures" of the Provinces, not of the Federal Government.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The National Geographic Society has awarded its Hubbard Medal to Sir Vivian Fuchs, the British explorer who led the first mainland crossing of Antarctica last spring. The medal commemorates Gardner Greens Hubbard, the founder and first President of the famed Society.

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Digging "bloodworms" for bait from the beaches at Yarmouth, N.S. is big business. For seven months of the year it provides 200 men with a livelihood. Each worm is worth one cent. An average yield is 900 a day. Sometimes twice as many are harvested. The worms are prized by salt water anglers from Connecticut to Virginia. Fishermen pay 75 cents a dozen for them. They grow to a size of 4 to 8 inches in about 4 years. They are useless as bait in fresh water fishing.



THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

OTTAWA REPORT

Motor Car Statistics

The motor vehicle industry is the second most important in our economy, ranking beneath the construction industry only. It is not surprising that there are many associations concerned with the manufacture, sale, use and service of the mighty automobile.

Saskatchewan, I was surprised to learn, has the longest mileage of roads of any province, nearly double the length of roads in the second most-roaded province, Alberta, and more than double the 75,000 miles in Ontario.

Ontario has 12,000 miles of concrete or bituminous roads to boast Canada's longest total of paved roads; and Ontario's 54,000 miles of crushed stone or gravel surfaced roads is top in that category.

Last year 33,230 workers were employed by the motor vehicle manufacturers; 21,471 worked in motor vehicle parts plants; 13,925 in the petroleum products industry; and 23-136 in the rubber products industry—all associated with the motor vehicle.

PROVINCE BY PROVINCE

Did you know that the motorists in British Columbia are our worst served, with only one filling station to every 171 motor vehicles? That little P.E.I. can do the tourist and the resident better, with one filling station to

Arctic Inspection Zone

The Soviet note to the United States on the prevention of surprise attacks may open the way to a fresh study of proposals for an Arctic inspection zone—a proposal vetoed by Russia earlier this year.

The note sets the seal on earlier East-West agreement to hold technical talks on the surprise attack problem along similar lines to the successful conference of scientists at Geneva in Aug. on methods of controlling and supervising a suspension of nuclear weapons tests.

One of the most interesting features of Russia's weekend communication is that she accepts the inclusion of Canada as a member of the Western delegation at the talks scheduled to open in Geneva at the beginning of next week.

MAJOR CONCESSION

Diplomatic circles in London suggest this may indicate Russia now is willing to consider the vital question of Arctic inspection in relation to the over-all problem of preventing surprise attacks.

This would represent a major Russian concession. Last May she vetoed a United Nations Security Council calling for establishment of an Arctic inspection zone to safeguard against the possibility of surprise attacks.

After consultations with her allies, the U.S. on Oct. 10 proposed that the Western delegation be made up of the U.S., Britain, France, Canada and Italy. Russia's latest note accepts this Western lineup and adds Albania to the Eastern bloc representatives in order to balance the number of countries participating in the Western delegation.

Found Helpful To Rheumatics

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. SOMETIMES doctors find they are able to aid patients in unsuspected ways. Take the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and other rheumatoid diseases for example.

A placebo is an inert substance which by all laws of medicine can do no harm and no good. Generally, placebos are used to test reaction of drugs by using the drugs on a specific number of persons and only placebos on the others.

However, in a recent study of rheumatic patients it was found that the number which benefited from treatment with plain ordinary placebos was approximately the same as the number favorably influenced by any or all of the methods of therapy reported in other studies.

When placebo tablets were taken after each meal—the patient didn't know they were placebos, of course—they helped half of the 88 rheumatoid arthritis patients in the study. Moreover, this reported beneficial effect was maintained for more than six months in 12 per cent of the patients.

Now this benefit was not entirely subjective. True, there was a strong subjective element in the relief of tenderness and stiffness. But there was also less swelling in some cases and this was purely an objective improvement.

These arthritis patients reported they could sleep better, eat better, had better bowel action and a feeling of general well-being while under treatment with placebos.

When the placebo tablets failed to aid 39 of the patients, placebo injections containing saline were administered. And 64 per cent of these patients reported this gave them relief.

Placebos also helped six persons with gouty arthritis, 10 with low back ache, 18 with bursitis and other shoulder ailments and 11 with psychalgia.

Now doctors also report a secondary aid from oral meprobamate. This drug is used mainly to relieve muscle stiffness and pain of rheumatic patients.

Generally, we try to avoid side effects from drugs. In the meprobamate, the side effect of drowsiness actually may prove helpful in the management of pa-

NOTES BY THE WAY

Stopped by police in Florissant, Mo., in a 3-mile zone, a man received a summons for doing 42 miles an hour on his bicycle. Instead of a summons, he should have been given a medal.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

One of the problems that affects all countries is that of litterbugs. Apparently no official group has yet come up with the answer to curing people of their nasty habit of throwing waste on the highways.—Sudbury Star

OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Nov. 6, 1933)

On Friday next a beautiful bronze tablet will be unveiled at Prince of Wales College, commemorating the service of graduates and undergraduates of the College during the Great War.

"Were girls harder to kiss when you were a young man, Grandpa?" "Maybe yes, and maybe no," replied the old man. "But I wasn't so blamed dangerous. I never heard of a porch swing running off the road and smashing into a tree.—Ottawa Journal

The annual meeting of the Provincial Council of the Boy Scouts Association was held in the Board room of the City Hall last evening. The President, Mr. J.R. Burnett, presided. Reports were received from Mr. W. Warren, Provincial Commissioner and Mr. R.C. Parent, Provincial Secretary.

A year ago to explore a meeting last night in the hall. The financing of the nursing home was thoroughly discussed and several plans were proposed. Among these was a proposal to interview the trustees of a suitable property. It was suggested that assistance may be forthcoming from the Provincial Government through Health and Welfare.

TEN YEARS AGO (Nov. 6, 1948) A committee appointed almost

At a special supper meeting at the Queen Hotel, Summerside, last night, delegates from Charlottetown, Crapaud, Summerside and Alberton-West Prince Boards of Trade put final touches on a brief to be presented to the Federal Government asking for an auxiliary ferry service at Borden.

The Age Old Story

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

MAXIMS

Character is not made in a crisis — it is only exhibited.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

M.T.: Is Paraldehyde harmful if taken over several years to induce sleep? Answer: Use of this preparation may prove harmful if taken without the advice of the physician.



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