

Published every week-day morning at 136 Prince Street, Charlottetown, P.E.I., by The Thomson Company Limited...

The Hillsborough Bridge

Communications are of vital importance in this day and age, as the many people who depend upon the Hillsborough Bridge are well aware.

The Hillsborough Bridge was closed to rail traffic early in March, 1951, on orders of the director of engineering of the Board of Transport Commissioners.

In May last, it seems, the C.N.R. ceased to do maintenance work on the bridge, in accordance with instructions received from Moncton; and now further instructions have been received that the bridge be closed.

There is logic, of course, in each step. But logic will be small consolation to those dependent upon the bridge, who may have too little time to adjust their personal and business arrangements to get along without it.

The Provincial Government has seemingly been taken by surprise by the move and any action which will now be taken is under the stress of emergency.

It surely should not have been impossible for the Federal Department of Transport, the Board of Transportation Commissioners, the Canadian National Railways and the Provincial Government to have effected a smoother and safe evolution from the old railway bridge to the proposed causeway.

Welcome Women's Institutes

A pleasing follow-up of Farm Week is the 42nd annual convention of the Prince Edward Island Women's Institutes which opens this morning.

All too often women's organizations, and perhaps especially the Women's Institutes, present their members with a program which involves a great deal of hard work, which their male counterparts somehow seem to avoid.

There is, nevertheless, a heavy program of work before the annual convention and even a glance at the program indicates how wide are the interests of the member Institutes. Girls' work, 4-H Clubs, home economics, agriculture, health and home economics, art and literature, citizenship and exchange programs with women in other parts of the world are only a part of the matters which will be taken up and which have been dealt with throughout the year.

The fact is that there are few aspects of rural life on which the Women's Institutes do not have their influence. Their activity represents hard work indeed but it also brings about a marked improvement in conditions of country living, so that the well-rounded and satisfying life becomes increasingly accessible to all.

No Slip Of The Tongue

Some of the press reactions to Premier Smallwood's recent statement to the effect that Newfoundland might secede from Confederation unless she receives better treatment from the Federal Government, seem to imply that the Premier was speaking facetiously, as some Government leaders have a habit of doing when they are away from their customary habitations.

In the first place, those who know Mr. Smallwood will say that he is not given to levity on official occasions at home or abroad, much less to meaningless asides in the course of a speech. He is not the sort of man to joke about economic problems or indulge in controversy just for the fun of it.

the day, it was opposed by most of the country's business concerns, many of whom, to this day, are by no means persuaded that the choice made was a wise one. Whether it was or not is not yet clear, nor will it be for some time to come; it takes more than six years for a new venture to prove its worth.

Secession, assuming that it would be legally possible—that, of course, would depend largely on the terms of Confederation—is certainly not a live issue at the moment; but, if Mr. Smallwood and his Liberal colleagues were to begin thinking that way, it could easily become one.

If we may be permitted to say so, all things considered it does not seem right nor necessary that there should be even a whisper of possible secession of Newfoundland from the rest of Canada so soon after the completion of the union; and it is to be hoped that, for the common good, a better relationship will be brought about and sustained. But, from what we hear, Mr. Smallwood's reference to secession in his St. Andrew's speech was neither a slip of the tongue nor a waggish gesture.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Only one electric car is licensed in Ontario out of the more than a million vehicles in that Province. It is safe to say that should a really efficient storage battery be developed electric cars would multiply at least as rapidly as have the gasoline variety.

This week sees another centennial celebration, that of the publication of "Leaves of Grass" by Walt Whitman. For a long time the rambling poem received more censure than praise. One well known critic referred to it as "raw collops slashed from the rump of poetry".

Canada continues to supply military equipment for NATO in addition to maintaining armed forces at the disposal of the common command. Shipments this month will include artillery for Turkey and trucks for Portugal and Italy.

One American educational commission has found that there is a serious breakdown of discipline and recommends a further commission to find out why. Discipline in almost every case depends more upon the character and effectiveness of those in authority than on differences in those subject to them.

Prof. W. S. MacNutt of the University of New Brunswick's history department, and a former Charlottetown man, has told the story of Canada's early days, and its sole link with pre-revolutionary British America within a scant 19 pages in Canadian Historical Association booklet No. 4, "The Making of the Maritimes Provinces."

The Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association has published a booklet on the Declaration of Atlantic Unity which was presented by prominent citizens of Canada, the United States, Britain, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Denmark and Italy earlier this year to the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.



Temporary Arrangements Only

Canadian Mink Of High Quality

The modern mink—even before it passes on to the Park Avenue promenade—is a well-traveled little animal. A few years ago 250 of them flew the Atlantic from the United States to Northern Manitoba, bound for Newfoundland to build up the island's mink industry and thereby capitalize on a plentiful supply of whalemeat.

Australia has granted official approval for commercial use of helicopters in aerial survey and other work.

Patriotic Hospitality

Parliament Hill was the only place in Canada where the program was "business as usual" on Dominion Day. The House of Commons sat in morning, afternoon and evening.

ALIEN AND HOMESpun GUESTS

Mr. Beaudoin entertains in honour of every distinguished political visitor and does not omit to mark our national occasions too, such as Dominion Day and the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

TWO COAT CHANGES

The mink's winter fur—it changes coats at the enviable rate of two a year—reaches its prime in November.

The chief interest of experimenters is in colors of pelts. Steeped in the laws of heredity, breeders in the past two decades have worked up more exquisite color tones than Mendel himself could have imagined.

FOR Tailoring and Alterations RITE-WAY CLEANERS Dial 7387

Medically Speaking

OLDER PERSON SHOULD COUNT HIS VITAMINS

While there is no special diet for the aged, it is important that you oldersters eat meals which are well-balanced and abundant in protective foods. Many of you don't do this for various reasons.

Regular Diet

It's probably advisable to take vitamin and mineral supplements, but it is also essential that you get as much nourishment as possible from your diet.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. M.: Is there anything other than orthopedic shoes to correct child's flat feet?

Answer: Many children have what is known as pronated or weak feet but as they grow older they very often improve.

The Age Old Story

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

SHOOTS AT FREIGHTER

PORT HURON, Mich. (AP)—Floyd B. Warwick, 45, of Marine City was fined \$500 Tuesday for shooting at a Great Lakes freighter as it passed his boat livery May 12 on Lake St. Clair.

NOTES BY THE WAY

In Argentina President Peron seems to have ridden the storm to a safe harbor—at least for the time being. But it must be in his mind that while one revolt was put down a second, more carefully planned, might succeed.

A New York surgeon has described how ultrasonic sound waves have been used to perform a brain operation. This is an extraordinary medical development, and one to be applauded.

It will come as a surprise to most motor-boat owners to learn that they are amenable to federal law, or to any law at all, for that matter. It will surprise them equally to learn that they are supposed to know the rules of the road.

A United States District Court Judge in Brooklyn has ruled that all the air space above a property is part of the public domain and not that of the property owner.

Alberta's electors have returned the Manning Government. But they appear to have done it with such wanting enthusiasm as must leave Social Credit with a feeling that it has been weighed, found wanting, and given a suspended sentence.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

- Boh, Matheson & Foster 150 Richmond St. J. Elmer Blanchard, B.A. 185 Queen St. M. A. Farmer, Q.C., LL.B. Bank of Commerce Bldg. Allison M. Gillis, LL.B. 130 Richmond St. A. Walthen Gaudet, LL.B. Phillips Bldg. 111 Grafton St. Palmer & Haslam Bank of Nova Scotia Bldg. Matheson, Peake & Nicholson 175 Grafton Street J. A. MacGuigan Currie Bldg. - Dial 9424 - Queen St. Chas. R. McQuaid, B.A. 156 Richmond St. MacPhee & Trainor 165 Queen St.

CALCIUM CHLORIDE for innumerable uses 25 lb. and 100 lb. bags The Rogers Hardware Co. Ltd. Distributors

Yes! We Make Loans TO CONSOLIDATE BILLS Personal FINANCE CO. 151 GREAT GEORGE STREET, CHARLOTTETOWN

The Poets Corner

FAREWELL When I lie where shades of darkness Shall no more assail mine eyes, Nor the rain make lamentation When the night wind sighs; How will I fare the world whose wonder Was the very proof of me? Memory fades, must be remembered Perishing?

-Walter de la Mare.