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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Double Ferry Service

Mr. MacNaught, M.P. and the Provincial Department of Industry and Resources through its energetic director of transport, Mr. Graham Rogers, are to be congratulated upon obtaining the services of both railway ferries, to operate on the Borden-Tormentine route from the middle of June to the middle of September.

The efforts of our Provincial and Federal representatives and officials were supplemented, in this case, by resolutions passed by the Charlottetown and Summerside Boards of Trade and by the Transportation Commission of the Maritime Board of Trade.

The matter was taken up by Mr. Rogers as far back as last November with J. C. Lassard, Deputy Minister of Transport, and the case was prepared in such a manner as to show that not only the Island but the railway as well would benefit by the improved service.

Armed Forces Act

The bill before the Commons to consolidate Canada's defence services legislation has already received considerable public attention and approval. It was passed at the last session by the Senate and now is again brought forward by Defence Minister Claxton.

That almost a year of study is not too much is clear from the scope of the present bill. In consolidating defence services law the measure will supercede a considerable body of legislation of the United Kingdom Parliament around which, as a framework, previous Canadian legislation had been erected.

Of greater practical moment is the provision of a uniform code of service discipline, applicable equally to sailors, soldiers and airmen, and including procedure and administration of service justice.

The project is a bold one and it remains to be seen in the light of experience just how this particular unification problem will work out.

Optimism in Newfoundland

Notwithstanding the dissatisfaction expressed in some quarters, Newfoundlanders appear to be fairly well satisfied with their first year's experience as a Province of Canada. The St. John's Evening Telegram admonishes those who are inclined to be pessimistic by recalling the "very material benefits" resulting from the union in increased allowances to war veterans and their dependents, in higher railway wages, old age pensions and other welfare payments.

veloping the fishing industry. On the other hand, the removal of protective tariffs has seriously affected certain secondary industries. As for the threat of bankruptcy, which had been predicted in some quarters, our St. John's contemporary says "it is not impossible that such gloomy predictions may prove to be as reliable as the optimistic estimates of a Finance Minister, a few years before Newfoundland reached the edge of the abyss, who, foreshadowing a balanced budget, had to show at the end of the twelve months a deficit of \$2,000,000."

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Zenith" and "Polaris" have certainly done their share in keeping Summerside and the Island in the news. The two R. C. A. F. modified Lancasters have been just about everywhere and usually to the accompaniment of newspaper headlines.

It is difficult to become very sympathetic towards unfortunate Americans who have to put up with only one mail delivery a day because of a slashed budget. The greater part of Canada has such schedules even when postal staffs are fully engaged.

The appointment of a Canadian as Governor-General as proposed in Parliament earlier this week would make possible a number of unfortunate circumstances such as are being experienced in Australia and also in the Canadian Provinces. We would retain the desirable features of both practices by having a Governor-General appointed from a sister Dominion.

H. R. H. Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, Duchess of Edinburgh, born this date 1926, elder daughter of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth and Heiress-Presumptive to the throne. She married Lieut. Philip Mountbatten, R.N. (formerly Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark) on November 20, 1947. Their son, Prince Charles Philip Arthur George, born Nov. 14, 1948, is second in succession to the throne.

Revenue Minister McCann, reminding his hearers that taxes buy civilization, suggested that we should readily set aside a part of income for the purpose just as much as for food, clothing and shelter. The joker is, however, that it is not a question of laying it aside. The wage-earning taxpayer finds that the Government has taken pains to assure that his tax is withheld at source and will not be lying over him to plague his conscience.

New health records were set up in Britain during 1948-49 which was the first year of National Health Service. The Chief Medical Officer, Sir Wilson Jameson, describes the health statistics as wonderful. The death rate of 10.8 was the lowest on record. It indicated a smaller number of deaths than in any year since 1930, when there were 3,000,000 fewer people in Britain.

North Waterloo Citizens' Defence Committee suggests that the Government publicize: (1) that the Reserve Forces are essential to the defence of Canada; (2) that there is a need for many more men in the Reserve Forces; (3) that the training is essential in case an emergency is forced on us,—that modern warfare demands skills and training beyond that which could be imparted in the time that would be available after such an emergency arises; (4) that service to one's country should appeal to all young men as one of the highest callings in life; (5) that, while membership in the Reserve Forces requires effort and means the sacrifice of some leisure time, it will develop a strong nation prepared to defend the freedom and liberty we enjoy.

The current issue of Canadian Business says the ten per cent devaluation of the Canadian dollar in terms of U. S. currency gives Canadian business men, particularly merchants and tourist resort operators, an excellent opportunity of making and keeping friends among United States visitors to this country. The merchant who knows the law and pays the premium will, of course, take the necessary steps to recoup the premium thus paid by banking his U. S. dollars. It does happen, however, that American visitors who have been accustomed to receive one dollar Canadian for one dollar American do not ask for the premium. Such a situation offers the Canadian seller an excellent opportunity for creating goodwill. He can point out to the U. S. visitor that he is entitled to receive a premium in Canadian funds—and then give it to him. Few surprises are more welcome than that of receiving more than you bargained for. And while the American is receiving no more than his legal due, he will respond to this courtesy and service which Canadians can offer.

Just Don't Count On It, That's All!



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.

ROADS, LANES & STREETS

Sir,—I notice in your issue of the 17th a comment on Elm Avenue (Malpeque Road) having for some reason been made narrower than Great George Street. Well the only reason was because it was considered a country road when the Town was laid out, as were Spring Park Road, Brighton, North River, St. Peter's and Kensington Roads, other outlets north of Euston St., being classed as lanes. Upper Prince Street was known as Havilland's Lane at that time, according to an old plan of Charlottetown.

CITY HOSPITAL SPECIAL

Sir,—May I say thank you for the copy of your paper with the special Hospital Opening edition. Not only is the special edition a credit to the newspaper but so also is the Hospital a credit to your city and Island. Would that more of our citizens were interested in such worthwhile projects in a world where so much seems to be spent in destructiveness rather than constructiveness.

TEACHERS FEDERATION FEES

Sir,—On April tenth there appeared in your Public Forum a letter signed "Interested", in which certain unjustified comments were made with regard to matters dealing with the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation.

WANT ATOMIC ENERGY TALKS

CARDIFF, Wales, April 20.—(AP)—British Protestant churchmen today called on the Government to take the initiative in promoting new talks for the control of atomic energy.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) FIRE HAZARDS DISCUSSED "A public meeting, called by Francis Longworth, Esq., one of the Representatives of Charlottetown, in pursuance of a requisition addressed to him, to take into consideration the propriety of assessing the inhabitants for the purchase of certain articles necessary in case of Fire, took place at 12 o'clock, and a much greater number than usually attend public meetings, were in attendance.

CONSERVATION

Sir,—Arent your many excellent editorial and "Farm News" references to Conservation, I find it very encouraging to see the accent being placed upon this constructive theme in the columns of the farm press. The country weeklies and—in many respects the most important aspect of this burgeoning development—the dailies!

The Age-Old Story

The Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away His face from you, if ye return unto Him. men today called on the Government to take the initiative in promoting new talks for the control of atomic energy. They declared the only alternative to the current deadlock over control of the atom and hydrogen bombs "was an unrestricted atomic arms race, dangerous to the peace of the world."

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Notes By The Way

You would think any government, with a majority as large as that enjoyed by Social Credit in Edmonton, could afford to be generous with the Opposition and pay more than usual attention to what the Opposition has to say. But Mr. Manning and company don't see it that way. They are like a small boy who has been given a full-size steam-roller to play with; they love to see how completely they can squash anything that gets in the way.—Calgary Herald

It is estimated that in 20 years' time Russia's population will be between 250 and 285 millions, and it will be the "youngest" population in Europe. Today in Russia only one percent of the people are over 65. In Western Europe 15 per cent are over 65. Thus while the United States, Canada and Western Europe grow "older" and the birth rate falls the rise in Britain's birth rate since the war is likely to be only a flash in the pan, Russia will become more populous and, more important, a nation of young people forming in Europe with her satellites a bloc of 400 millions with uniform ideological, economic and military patterns.—Peterborough Examiner

I hear from Argentine friends that there is more to the game of canasta than meets the eye. It was born in Uruguay but quickly crossed the river to Buenos Aires, where it immediately became the rage. One of the reasons—canasta parties made a perfect excuse to gather together and criticize the government. The ladies of Buenos Aires fashionable northern suburbs, I am told, find particular pleasure in exchanging at these parties all the latest stories about President Peron, and his senora, whom they do not love. If this goes on, we may hear that canasta, like boogie-woogie, has been declared an "un-Argentine activity"—The Observer.

Some senators don't put in much time in the Senate because they can't be bothered, some because they aren't physically able. Missing from the attendance roll most days, for the latter reason, is the name of Sir Allen B. Aylesworth, yet on one or two occasions during the present session he was in attendance. His name appears on the Senate record for February 22, for instance, and is like a ghost from Canada's dim past. Aylesworth is 13 years older than Canada.

He was a member of the famous Alaska Boundary Tribunal of 1903, which cost Canada a large part of the northern British Columbia coastline. He was a Federal cabinet minister three years before MacKenzie King.

He represented Canada at the funeral of King Edward VII in 1910. He pronounced the tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the Liberal convention in 1919. He was the author of the Lord's Day Act.—Caigary Albertan

THE COY MAIDEN

Why so pale and wan, fond lover? Prithee, why so pale? Will, when looking well can't move? Looking ill prevail? Prithee, why so pale? Why so dull and mute, young sinner? Prithee, why so mute? Will, when speaking will can't win her. Saying nothing do't? Prithee, why so mute? Quit, quit, for shame! this will not move. This cannot take her; If of herself she will not love, Nothing can make her. The Devil take her! —Sir John Suckling (1608-1649)

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