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CIRCULATION

'Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew'

'The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink'

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Developing Labrador

Premier Smallwood and several of his cabinet members have returned from an extended visit to the Old Country...

'Not since Bowater's came to Newfoundland,' says the St. John's Evening Telegram, 'has any other British firm shown very much interest in our resources...'

Among the companies the Rothschild House have interested in the exploration of Labrador's resources are the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa, Ltd., Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company...

At long last it appears Labrador will be explored as it has never been before. Long considered a valuable acquisition, very little is known about Newfoundland's northern domain...

Premier Smallwood in his usual enthusiasm speaks this time of hundreds of millions of dollars being required to develop what he hopes will be found in Labrador.

Double Trouble In Malaya

Britain is waging a double war in Malaya. The first is with guns against the Communist guerrillas who for four years have been killing, burning and terrorising.

While war against Communist guerrillas (mostly alien Chinese) is being stepped up by Sir Gerald Templer, the High Commissioner, ground-work is being laid for a war that is even more important—against the mutual suspicions of the inhabitants.

The British have taken important steps in their plan to form a free and independent Malayan nation. They have set up a Federation of Malaya consisting of nine States.

Europeans. The States are governed by their Malay rulers under a written constitution, and the State Governments are committed to the encouragement of the education and training of Malays...

Municipal elections are being held in the larger cities in 1952, and village councils have been elected in the "resettlement areas". These are the groups of villages to which squatters living on the edge of the jungle have been moved in order to prevent their domination by the Communists.

To help raise Malay standards of living, there is a Rural and Industrial Development Authority under a Malay chairman, Dato Onn Bin Jaafar. It is based on a policy of "self-help" and assists, by means of loans, such projects as cooperative development and marketing schemes, rice mills, tractor schemes, the construction of community centers, playgrounds and roads, bridges and water supplies in Malay villages.

If the great experiment in Malaya succeeds, South East Asia will gain new hope, and the tide of Communism will be stemmed in an area it covets for its riches and its millions—a third of the population of the world.

EDITORIAL NOTES

More than 15,000 trout and a large number of salmon have been tagged at Ellerslie. Care to return all tags which turn up on their catch can pay dividends to sportsmen in the form of even better fishing in future.

American draft dodgers in this country are apt to lose their citizenship by Christmas under the recently passed McCarran Act. Without valid American papers they may then find difficulty in remaining in Canada.

Britain has earned a small surplus on foreign exchange in the first half of the present year if dealings with the United States are disregarded. A vast improvement has been made in her trading position but more is still required.

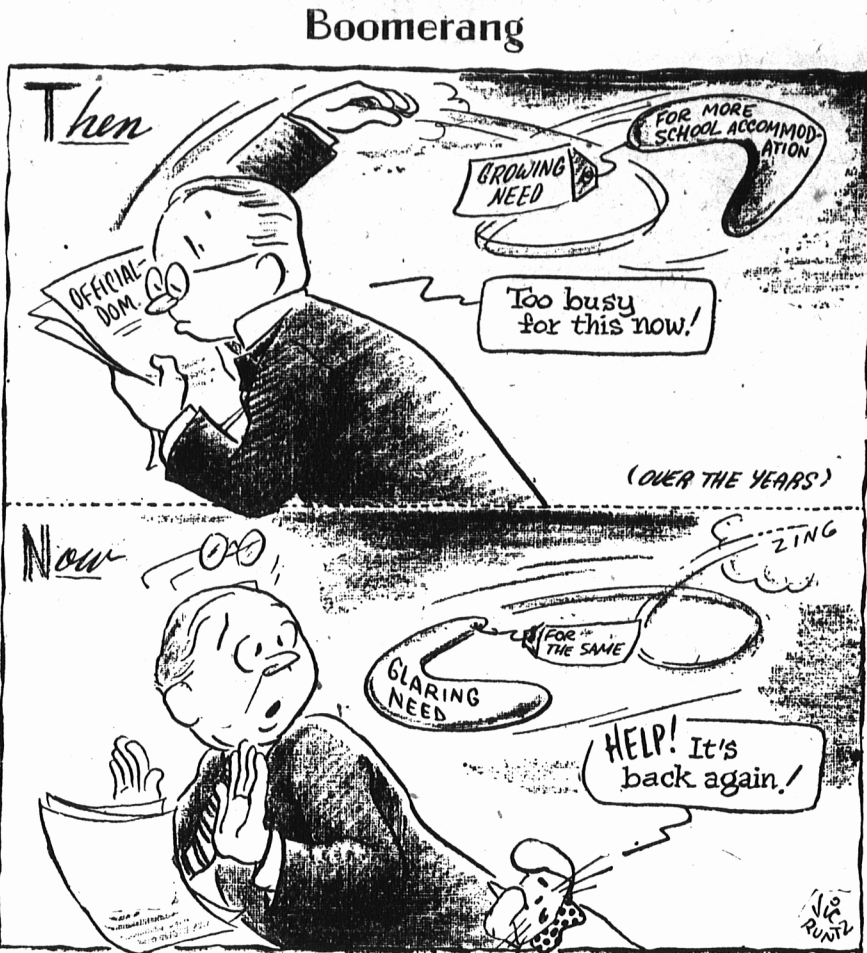
Replacement of the older car ferry, the S. S. Prince Edward Island, was one of the recommendations of the annual meeting of the Maritime Provinces Board of Trade. The growing traffic clearly required more than one ferry and the life expectancy of the 37-year-old is none too good.

Canada will have a population of 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 at the end of the present century if the current rate of increase continues, according to Prime Minister St. Laurent. This is about the population which the physical facilities of this country in the form of railways and so forth are designed to serve.

The serious falling off in the number of new homes completed seems to be the result of higher costs both of construction and financing. Housing is one field in which modern techniques of mass production and other economies seem to have had little play.

An eleventh Province is not an immediate prospect apparently. A Bermuda parliamentarian visiting this country says that "The question of Bermuda linking itself with another part of the Commonwealth has never been a problem, but should it arise, we would definitely look toward Canada."

Stephanus Johannes Paulus Kruger, four times president of the Transvaal republic, was born this date 1825. As a boy he took part in the great trek to the country north of the Orange River. Almost his only book was the Bible and throughout his life he considered himself under special divine guidance.



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.

WORLD AFFAIRS

Sir,—A shrewd politician does not depend for a victory at the polls, on the fluent and fighting speeches that he may make on a public platform. His best weapon is propaganda. This comes easy for him if he can have personal friends among the stalwarts of the opposite side, people that he can be on speaking terms with, as well as keeping the confidence of his own faithful few.

What shall we say of the battle of ideas that involves the whole round earth? As elections are not won on the platform but through promises, true or false, so the battle of ideas will not be decided by "hot" weapons in the "cold" war in Korea, but among underpaid Negroes in South Africa...

Every Christian Church is missionary minded, or it is not Christian. The Church has given us democracy. It must supply not only literacy but literature. If not our enemies will step in and are already on the spot. The Church must be the spearhead that may preserve our Democracy and save our souls in the carrying out of this undertaking.

WASTE

Sir,—The philosopher-scientist tells us that the law of compensation demands that every output must have an intake, every expenditure must have a credit, somewhere. For example, if hearing is destroyed, the eyes must make it up. In my childhood, we had an old man in our community who was deaf as a fence-post; but he knew every horse and every man that passed on the road an eighth of a mile from his door.

If this law of compensation is a scientific truth, then waste must be atoned for in the years to come. Some one will have to pay for it, somehow. Off Halifax harbour, recently, I heard the sound of heavy gun fire, and I was told it was war-ships shooting at a target off the coast. There would be fifty or more shots each morning for several days. I cannot guess the cost of each shot; but it might run into many dollars. I don't suppose any thought was given to the money cost of such exercises. It is all a part of the fabulous cost of preparing against the threat of war.

The Age-Old Story

These are the words of the covenant, which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

Of course the Navy must be trained to hit and sink a Russian submarine at twenty miles away. (They have three-hundred of the latest type, and war-ships without number). But waste, in one way or another, must be accounted for.

The waste on liquor and tobacco must some day be accounted for. Here in this country, with such a small population, last year over \$600,000,000 was spent for drinks and \$80,000,000 for tobacco. If the money thus spent did any real and permanent good no one could complain, but it does harm to body and soul.

Harsher Treatment For Reckless Drivers

(Montreal Gazette) The persistent recurrence of cases in which death and injury are inflicted in traffic accidents by reckless (often drunken) drivers, points to an obvious need for tougher treatment of such drivers by the courts and law enforcement officials, including the police.

The primary function of a coroner's court is to determine the cause and manner of out-of-the-ordinary deaths, and, where appropriate, to record its conclusion as to whether negligence or criminal intent played a part. But its function is not, or certainly should not be, to render the final and binding verdict as to criminal responsibility in major cases, such as the killing of individuals in car crashes.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) BRULE HARBOR ROUTE

From The Islander, November 15, 1861: "We understand that the Government contemplate altering the main route from Charlottetown to Nova Scotia, by substituting Brule Harbour for Pictou. The propriety of the proposed change cannot be doubted. The members of the late Government, in 1856, were in favour of it. They appointed Commissioners, Messrs. Coles, Lord, and Birnie, to proceed to Brule, and from thence to Pictou, for the purpose of examining the route. These Commissioners reported in favour of the change. They quoted the opinion of Admiral Bayfield, who in a communication addressed to the Lieutenant Governor, dated 29th May, 1856, mentioned Brule Harbour as 'the safest and best for a direct intercourse with Nova Scotia as being nearest to Charlottetown and one where a steamer can lay in safely in any weather, there being good anchorage, and the shore at the Old Wharf can be approached, within 300 feet, at any time of the tide.'"

"Under the present arrangement, passengers coming from Nova Scotia are under the necessity of leaving Pictou at midnight for the Island; they usually arrive here at 6 or 7 o'clock the next morning, after having spent the night in the most miserable manner conceivable. We may rest assured, few would leave Halifax or Truro for Charlottetown, if aware that they would have to undertake not only a tedious journey from Truro to Pictou by coach, but to wait at the latter place until after midnight for the departure of a boat such as the 'Westmorland', in which the accommodations are wretched in the extreme, and be landed upon the wharf in Charlottetown at a very early hour, and find there no carriages in attendance to convey them to a place of shelter. We have understood from reliable sources that last week, on her voyage to Pictou, the Westmorland's cabin floor was covered with water, and her fires in great danger of being extinguished. At the commencement of the season she was placed on the route with her boilers utterly burnt out, and the boat not even in a state to undergo inspection."

"I am, Sir, etc. Stanley Bridge. W. I. GREEN."

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Notes By The Way

It is dangerous if innocent and gullible people give aid to Communist fronts. It is also dangerous if because the Communists hide behind high-sounding words and phrases certain liberal concepts and practices become suspect. We ought to keep it always clearly in mind that the rights of the individual, no matter who pretends to defend them and for what purposes they so pretend, are at the basis of American life.

Italy has done much to restore her esteem by lifting the ban which had been imposed on certain Protestant churches there. Evidently this was the sequel to diplomatic representations by the United States. It would enhance Italy even more in the eyes of freedom-loving nations if she were to repeal two Fascist laws which require government permission for ministers and churches to operate. This would lessen the possibility of untoward action in the future. Outside Iron Curtain countries, or others operating under dictators or semi-dictators, freedom of religion is fundamental. When a free nation imposes restrictions on recognized religious movements, it is copying dictatorships which do not tolerate freedom of religion.

Major-General Frank Worthington, Canada's civil defence chief, has spoken strongly against overhead wires in city light and power distribution systems. He is not, he says, considering the matter from a beautification point of view. His concern is directly with the hazards overhead wiring poses in the event of enemy attack or sabotage. General Worthington adds a substantial argument to the case advanced by proponents of underground wiring. With or without hostilities it promises general benefits. As one of the civilian defence measures that fall in this category, the plan should win widespread approval.

Western Canada's wheat crop is the largest in history, but that's only part of the story. It has high quality in addition to record quantity. It's this double fact which spells so much wealth for producers. A year ago, largely due to unfavorable harvest conditions, only six per cent of the big crop reached Grades No. 1 and No. 2 Northern, the best hard wheat in

by a mere fact-finding court, such as the coroner's court. The difficulty in ensuring justice in such instances was spotlighted recently by several cases involving the arrest of drivers who had been drinking before accidents involving fatalities. These arrests were withheld until the coroner's court verdict had been rendered. In one case, the coroner virtually had to demand a finding of criminal responsibility against a truck driver who admitted he had been drinking before striking down a four-year old child.

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The Poet's Corner

THE BONFIRE God of gardeners, accept this coff Of acrid smoke from nettle and weed, This left-hand mound of sinful soil That I have sifted from the seed. With hoe and mattock, spade and rake, From morning dew to evening grace, My back has bended for Thy sake, To bring sweet odor to this place. Thy fruits and tubers basketed, Thy flowers lit from the setting sun, With fragrant heart and reverent head I tend this altar gleaming red, As my forefathers must have done. —Richard Church.

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