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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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Turned Down Again

The Canadian Maritime Commission continues to take a dim view of the transportation requirements of this Province on the Wood Islands-Caribou route.

Our Legislature is shortly to meet, and no doubt this question will be brought up for discussion. Surely a consensus of opinion can be obtained that will convince the Federal Government.

Civic Affairs

A letter in today's Public Forum lays stress on the necessity of a more equitable and more efficient method of civic tax collection, particularly as it affects business men who must pay both on their stock and real estate while others in the community are to some extent exempt.

Property owners generally will agree that some changes for the better are desirable, but few will go so far as our correspondent in arguing for a restoration of the oldtime property-controlled vote.

The Industrial Horizon

Is Canada going ahead industrially? Mr. Donald Gordon, C.M.G., chairman and president of the Canadian National Railways, has an emphatic affirmative answer to this question.

Mr. Gordon asked his hearers to consider, for example, the potentialities of oil and natural gas in the Western Provinces where new investment is now proceeding at an annual rate of more than \$125 millions.

Manitoba, are well advanced in their first stages of development and farther to the east, iron ore discoveries have provided timely and strategically important additions to the raw material on which vital North American steel production must depend.

Mr. Gordon emphasized, too, the importance of our traditional farm and fishery resources as well as the spectacular expansion in volume and variety of secondary industries, in the building up of which the railways have been a big factor.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, 2nd Sunday in Lent.

The correct answer to yesterday's mathematical problem is: "Ann now is 18 (18)."

President Truman is no Churchill in oratory but he has shown that in spirit he is one with that great statesman.

That was good statesmanship of Mayor Stewart attending a meeting of St. Paul's Laymen to explain the civic situation re assessments.

Toronto is experiencing a major bank robbery once a month on an average. The last two netted \$240,000 and \$50,000 respectively. The city is fast losing its reputation of "good."

Not many war veterans are city property owners, but those who are deserve commendation for initiative in wanting to know where they stand in the revised assessment arrangements now nearing completion.

Mr. C. T. Richard, Q.C., M.P., for Gloucester, N. S., has been appointed judge of the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Justice A. T. LeBlanc. This means a by-election within the next six months.

The occasional criticism of the City Council for carrying snow away rather than merely plowing it aside is now completely stilled. Even the critics wish a lot more had been shifted, and to a greater distance.

There is a decidedly international flavour to the Summerside air station flavour, with one navigation class taking off for the United Kingdom by way of Gander and a wings parade inspected by the chief of the Italian Air Staff.

Horses are exempted from the U. S. agriculture department's ban on importing livestock from Canada. They are not subject to the disease which attacks cloven-hoofed animals. However, the department will require that vans and other vehicles and articles used to transport race horses be disinfected at the U. S. border.

The telephone connection between Halifax and Saint John by microwave radio relay to go into operation June 1 has occasioned Nova Scotians to claim to have the first such system in North America, between New Glasgow and Charlottetown, installed in 1948. It requires little argument to establish that the distinction is shared with this Province.

Kenneth Grahame, Scots novelist and writer, was born this date 1859. In 1890 he published a satirical story, "The Head-woman" and followed it with "The Golden Age", a delicate story of childhood. While secretary of the Bank of England he published his most famous work, "The Wind in the Willows", a story of animals, treated as human beings. A. A. Milne dramatized the story as "Toad of Toad Hall."

The Prime Minister has thrown cold water on the hopes, of the many who ardently anticipate a reduction in the taxation burden. The farthest he will go is his assurance there will be no increase. But that is not enough to satisfy business and the average taxpayers. Mr. St. Laurent and Mr. Abbott may still be persuaded to change their minds before the budget is brought down next month.

The majority of the British Labour M.P.'s have rallied to the support of Mr. Attlee as leader, and turned down the rebel left-winger Mr. Bevan. The Trades Unionists have little use for those who, as Mr. Bevan does, espouse Marxian Socialism and Communism. The old and tried Democratic policies are good enough for them. But the test between the two sections will take place on the day the budget will be brought down when an Opposition caucus will be held.

Whose Pupil?



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.

APPRECIATION

Sir,—A brother with interest fraternal As a gift paid my subs for your journal. Whenever I turn I read mark and learn And of present-day news get the kernel. I am, Sir, etc. SAMUEL G. TAYLOR.

CIVIC AFFAIRS

Sir,—Is it not high time for consideration by the property owners of Charlottetown of the situation in which they now find themselves, and the plans being made for still further burdens to be added? The following outstanding facts should receive their attention: 1. A mortgage of upwards of two million dollars has been placed on the real estate of the city by those in charge of civic matters.

ENJOYING THE WINTER

Sir,—The scene that spreads itself before my window in this pleasant house is beautiful indeed. The hills and valleys have taken on the "old habitude", the whiteness marred only by the zigzag footpaths and tracks of men and horses. The pleasant solitude is broken only by the occasional occasional sleighs. Friendly voices are heard as the riders take time to exchange greetings and the sleighs pass along. I'm rather selfishly hoping the snowplows will be delayed a while before getting to our village, snug within the surrounding snow-clad hills. It's been a long time since we've been able to enjoy a "real" winter and I feel much of value can be derived at such a season. One can pause to take stock, so to speak. We're free for a prelude to the new year, and the daily living in this machine and atomic age. You know I've gained seven pounds since the "white battalions" came and I sincerely believe that many others, too, will benefit from this enforced ease-down in daily tasks and travels. All is serene and wonderful here. Nevertheless, one must not forget that there are others less fortunate in neighbouring communities who are suffering greatly because of these recent storms. The poor people in North Rustico! My! They are to be pitied when one considers the dire predicament they are in. To mention: Store shelves almost bare; one case of canned milk left; coal stocks almost gone and a sad, sad story of the Church and School doing out their meagre supplies of this commodity in two hundred pound lots to shivering natives. A grim story, and that's not all. Sensational reports of village fathers breaking up their beautiful picket fences in order to replenish the smouldering embers of near cold hearths. Hardwood floors of seldom used rooms will be next, I suppose. As a finishing touch to the heart-rending saga there is the account of snowplows battling mountainous drifts in a valiant attempt to rescue the "stricken village." "Stricken", I said, and why? Stricken because of the fact that the good residents of North Rustico have been living in a "fool's paradise" for times long since past and have been believing that they never again would

The Age-Old Story

And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. . . . And after this Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.

THE NETTLE

With seed the sowers scatter The furrows as they go. Poor lads, 'tis little matter How many sorts they sow. For only one will grow. The charlock on the fallow Will take the traveller's eyes. And gild the ploughland sallow With flowers before it dies, But twice 'twill not arise.

FOR OUR DEFENCE

Sir,—I talked with a woman after she returned from a meeting of the "World's Day of Prayer", which was observed on the first Friday in Lent. Being still thrilled by the experience, she suggested that maybe I was a bit skeptical regarding its importance. I said: "No; but I rather feel that what you have been engaged in is the highest peak attainable in the service of God." When she told us that three demonstrations of both teen age and middle age groups met and agreed together in prayer, we concluded that much of their petition is already answered in this example of unity. Oh, we are every day enjoying blessings that we would not have, except for the people that really pray. The world is actually held together through them and for their sakes, more "than this world dreams of."

The Poet's Corner

It thrives, come sun, come showers; Blow east, blow west, it springs; It peoples towns, and towers Above the courts of Kings; And touch it and it stings. —A. E. Housman.

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Notes By The Way

Deer in Ontario are particularly vulnerable to wolves and dogs when snow crusting according to Department of Land and Forests wildlife officials. The alternate thawing and freezing weather during the next two months will make travelling difficult for deer whose small sharp hooves will break through the crust while wolves and dogs, with their broad padded feet will ride the crusts easily. During late February and March and most of April in the northern districts, conservation officers will be making special efforts to protect deer from wolves from dogs. Conservation officials have authority under the Game and Fisheries Act to shoot any dog found running deer. In addition, charges may be laid against the dogs' owners. —North Bay Nugget.

"Head of the Commonwealth"—that is what Her Majesty now is, and there is a case to be made emphasizing the one of her formal titles. During the last reign there was a change in the real nature of the Commonwealth from a group of states bound together by allegiance to the Crown in London to a body of which the Crown alone is the formal head. This implies, as Dr. Malan claimed two years ago, the equal right of every member, not Britain alone, to decide on the admission of new time they have certainly been caught napping.

Not so long ago we had a similar case of this same unwarranted publicity about grave conditions and from this same community, too. This was the time the "floods came and the waters descended." This, of course, is writing figuratively. Translated into everyday language was a high tide. If it's not water, it's a product. This time, too, reports circulated bearing a moving tale of great real estate hardship. In consulting one of the village residents, I was not a little surprised when he laughed and remarked "Oh! To not anything nearly as bad as it sounded, just a case of a couple of shanties being waterlogged. They should never have been built so close to the tideline anyway."

Old Charlottetown

Older residents of Charlottetown can still remember the old Market Building, fitted with a tower for the fire bell, to which reference is made in the following item from The Examiner of Jan. 11, 1883: "The building was constructed in 1877. The first and second flats were then sold by public auction, and were purchased by Messrs. LePage and Quirk at a yearly rental of about \$400. Finding business would not likely be as remunerative as anticipated, they asked the Council to relieve them of their obligations. This the Council did. The second flat was then fitted up for offices for the Mayor and City Marshal, and the lower flat remained idle for nearly two years. "The Council in the meantime concluded to use it as a meal and flour market; but the miller declined to go into it, as they preferred the body of the Market House for their business. In February, 1879, Messrs. Blake Brothers made application for a lease for the lower flat for a period of five years at \$200 per annum. The lease was granted. The tenants fitted up the flat at a cost of over \$250, and commenced to work up a good business. "After occupying the premises for nearly four years, the walls and floor commenced to sink, and the interior became dilapidated. Messrs. Blake Brothers informed the Council of the repairs required, and offered to make them and to let the building in proper shape on condition that their lease would be extended five years longer at the same rent. The application was made at a regular meeting of the City Council and granted with one dissenting voice."

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