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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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Most Welcome Visitors

Canada's Provincial Ministers of Agriculture and their Deputies will be welcomed most heartily today to the Garden of the Gulf. Their conference, which will carry through into Exhibition Week, will be the third of a series started at Toronto in 1950.

The conference will deal with many problems of mutual concern, and will likely include discussion on such important subjects as marketing legislation, the movement of feeds, and the dairy and potato industries.

The visitors will be formally welcomed at a dinner in their honour on Monday evening, when Hon. F. C. Bell, Minister of Agriculture for Manitoba, will be guest speaker. They will then proceed to the Provincial Exhibition grounds, where the Hon. Thomas Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, will officially open the big Fair.

It would be difficult to exaggerate the importance of a visitation of this kind, at this particular time, apart altogether from the results which may be expected to accrue from the conference. As is fitting, the visitors are being entertained jointly by the Provincial Department of Agriculture and the Exhibition Association, and it is hoped and expected that they will have a thoroughly enjoyable as well as profitable time in our midst.

Subsidized Competition

Within the next few weeks some 35 Marine class cargo vessels, capable of a speed of 20 knots, will go into operation flying the United States flag. These ships will be in competition with the merchant vessels of the United Kingdom, Canada and other countries.

The only difference between the new U. S. merchant shipping fleet and the merchant fleets of other countries, notes a Vancouver exchange, is that they have been built at the taxpayers' expense and will be operated by private companies in receipt of large government subsidies from Washington.

Washington justifies its decision for going into the shipping business on the ground that by so doing a substantial contribution is made to the defence needs of the United States and the other western democracies.

The problem, however, is not quite so simple as that. For, if the state-subsidized competition of U. S. merchant vessels were to make it unprofitable for the privately-owned vessels of other countries to continue operation, the next result would be a loss rather than a gain in the total tonnage of merchant vessels available in time of emergency to meet the defence requirements of the west.

Irreplaceable Treasures

The fire in the Parliamentary Library at Ottawa has at least served one good purpose. It has drawn nation-wide attention to the deplorable indifference shown by our public men in not providing adequately for the great treasury of Canadian literature and history, which the library represents.

plus massive rows of old newspaper files, again on wooden shelves, ready tinder for a spark.

The Ottawa Journal notes that the everlasting flood of new books drove the librarians to distraction in attempting to find accommodation for them in a building planned to meet the needs of members in the year 1867. Some new volumes, such as children's books, could be sent to the Supreme Court Building for storage, but for books of current interest space had to be found until every available inch was filled.

Farmers And Tariffs

By general consent, Fortune Magazine has done a good job of publicizing Canada's industrial boom. It goes off the beam, however, notes the Windsor Star, when it deals with the attitude of Canadians to tariffs. It asserts agriculture is in favor of protective tariffs. If this be so, it is certainly a new development and one which has grown up silently.

Canadian farmers, those in a few areas excepted, have been and are against high tariffs. Their attitude is based on the economic facts of life. When trade is unimpeded by currency restrictions, Canadian farmers sell their surpluses in world markets. There they must compete against all comers; and export prices have a habit of fixing domestic prices. It has always been the complaint of our farmers that they must sell in a free, competitive market, but buy in a protected one, thus losing out both ways.

The Fortune writer, suggests our Windsor contemporary, may have been misled by comparing Canadian and United States agriculture. There is no such comparison. The great proportion of United States farmers generally aren't dependent upon export markets, except for some wheat. Thus United States farmers are protectionist, wanting to protect their principal market from competition.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, 9th Sunday after Trinity.

Trouble in the Balkans does not seem to be restricted to the Spring.

Returned Islanders, visitors and home folks are all alike getting in the mood to make Old Home Week the best ever.

Charlottetown's Victoria Park is not the Cave de la Paix but even here at the old naval guns of Fort Edward a gentleman from Vienna can address a pretty stranger and discover that she hails from Prague.

This date 1588 Queen Elizabeth I entered Tilbury Fort, Thames fortification, riding on a war-charger, wearing armour on her back, and holding a marshal's truncheon in her hand. She harangued the land-forces waiting for invasion by the "Invincible Armada".

Some of the romance has gone out of the fur trade in the United States with the banning of the fanciful trade names for common furs treated in various ways. The Canadian practice is decidedly better. Furs may be called by trade names with the common name in brackets.

The futility of one-sided pacifism has dawned on all but a few of the C. C. F. leaders. As Saskatchewan's Premier Douglas told the national convention: "If we had allowed Hitler to bring the world into thrall, you and I today would be under a tyranny. Some things are worse than war." All were well enough aware of the horrors of war, however, to want all feasible steps taken to avert it.

Half of New Zealand's budget goes to social services—under a Conservative government. This seems to be the general experience where social measures have been introduced. Whoever may have put them into effect, nobody can very well end them. "The Government", as Premier Holland explained, "is the first to recognize the harmful effect of a too heavy burden of taxation but its capacity to reduce taxation is dictated by the services people expect to receive from the state."

The Edmonton Journal notes as a footnote to the British Columbia elections the obliteration of the attempt of Steve Endicott, son of Rev. James Endicott, to secure the endorsement of the electors in Vancouver East. The young Endicott was running as a Labour-Progressive, but he failed to profit by his father's support of Communism, and of the Kremlin, and its phoney "peace" campaign. The Vancouver Endicott received just 872 first count votes out of a total of 38,543 cast. This is exactly 2.2 per cent and put him at the bottom of the list.

Where Agriculture Reigns



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

NEWS OF THE DAY

From The Islander of October 31, 1862:

Finlay MacDonald, proprietor of the Pinette Cloth Mills, informs the public that his fulling, dyeing and dressing establishments is in full operation and having procured the services of a very competent person in the manufacture of cloth, defies competition either as to workmanship or promptness in serving customers.

David Morley, late of St. John's, Newfoundland, announces that he intends immediately to carry on his trade of block and pump making, and turning, at his residence in Charlottetown near Mr. Queen's Wharf.

Edward Dunscomb, Boston, notifies all his tenants in the Duncombe estate, Township No. 28, to pay up all rents and arrears due him previous to Nov. 1st, to his attorney and agent, Henry Palmer, Esq., to whom he has transferred the estate by deed of sale.

James Desbrisay and Company announce their removal to new premises adjoining Mr. Heard's, on Queen Street.

James Eyans, boot and shoe maker, late of Charlottetown, announces his intention of carrying on his business in New Perth.

P. D. Stewart, Adjutant General, announces that in consequence of an application made to the Commander-in-Chief by the 1st Regiment of Cavalry, the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to disband the Troop as from Oct. 12.

The Orwell Young Men's Institute report that they have organized a Literary Society with the following officers: Alex. Inglis, L.L.B., patron; William MacCall, president; Hugh Findley, vice president; John MacDonald, secretary; John MacLean, treasurer.

Mr. Watson Duchemin, Charlottetown, inventor of a new anti-friction ship's block, and also an improved bush for old-style blocks, which have been patented in the United States, England and France, announces that he wishes to associate himself with a partner with capital, in the manufacture of these articles for sale in the British Colonies.

SASKATOON CELEBRATION

SASKATOON — (CP) — City Council has approved a recommendation that Sept. 1 be declared a Civic holiday and named "Citizens' Day." It falls in the week designated for observance of Saskatchewan's 70th anniversary.

NORTHERN VANDALS

CHURCHILL, Man. — (CP) — Vandals sometime during the last year have mutilated historic writings and inscriptions dating from 1741 to late in the 18th century. In one case brown paint was daubed over the signature of Samuel Hearne, famous explorer.

To Rebuild Despite Volcanoes

(National Geographic News Bulletin)

The Australian Government, undeterred by volcanic danger or World War II bombings, has decided to rebuild the town and port of Rabaul on New Britain Island in the Bismark Archipelago.

Rabaul lies on Simpson harbor, often described as one of the most beautiful in the world. It is at the extreme northeastern tip of New Britain Island, a mountain-splined crescent about 300 miles long and 50 miles wide, northeast of New Guinea.

The splendor of Simpson harbor, says the National Geographic Society, is enhanced by five active volcanoes towering above its shores, and one in the harbor itself.

It was the danger of volcanic eruption similar to an explosion in 1937 that covered Rabaul with a frosting of volcanic ash and resulted in considerable loss of life.

But Australian officials are now convinced that volcanologists can predict serious eruptions. The government has announced a contribution of nearly \$45,000 for construction of permanent escape routes to enable residents to flee potential explosions.

Presumably the eruptions can be foretold by the vigor and length of the "gurgles" that usually precede them. "Gurgles" is a local name for recurrent violent, rolling earthquakes that shake dishes and sometimes knock down buildings. As a rule, residents take gurgles in their stride.

Earthquakes and volcanoes, however, had little to do with the destruction of the beautiful pre-war town of Rabaul, with its pleasant homes and stately tropical trees. Bombs did the damage.

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The Age-Old Story

For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens: God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

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CH'TOWN - SOURIS - ELMIRA: 5:30 p.m. trip held over till 6:30 p.m. 11:45 a.m. trip cancelled.

CH'TOWN - MONTAGUE - CARDIGAN - GEORGETOWN: 5 p.m. trip held over till 6:15 p.m.

CH'TOWN - WOOD ISLANDS - VIA ELDON: 4 p.m. trip held over till 5:30 p.m.

CH'TOWN - BORDEN - S'SIDE VIA BONSHAW: This trip will operate into Borden from Tuesday to Friday. Lv. S'side 7:45 a.m. Lv. Borden 8:35 a.m. for Charlottetown. Lv. Ch'town 5:30 p.m. for Borden and S'side. Mainland and all other schedules will operate on regular times.

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Notes By The Way

With General Eisenhower, Winston Churchill and Earl Alexander all painting like mad in their free moments we expect Mr. St. Laurent and his case under the East-Block any day now.—Ottawa Journal.

The Canadian Post Office rarely issues special stamps to commemorate current events. An interesting exception to this rule is the new four-cent issue which came out recently. It carries a Red Cross design in honor of the 18th International Red Cross Conference which is now being held in Toronto.—Edmonton Journal.

Thrift is a quality which can easily get out of hand and become stinginess. But a decent regard for thrift is an attitude of good government, which is merely the steward of the nation's money. "Mony a mickle maks a mickle," said our ancestors, and wanton waste affronts us.—Peterborough Examiner.

A doctor means security. He is deeply rooted in people's needs. He is as basic in their life as food, shelter and clothing. The doctor is the mainstay by night against the terror of a child suddenly ill. He is the solid-rock assurance to the couple about to become parents. He is reassurance for the fright that gets into man and woman when their bodies assert their mortality by breaking down. The doctor is hope and he is strength. Unspoken usually, yet this is what the patient feels for the doctor.—Regina Leader-Post.

A Vickers Supermarine Swift, a swept-wing jet fighter, flew from London to Brussels in 18 min. 3.3 sec., at an average speed of 665.9 mph. The flight of 200.38 miles was timed by the Royal Aero Club from the time the Swift left London Airport until it flew over the centre of Melsbroek airport, east of Brussels. The Supermarine test pilot, Lieutenant D. W. Morgan, was at the controls. The speed set up a record for any flight between these two cities.—London Times.

A difference of opinion that was very strong 454 years ago has just now been settled. The city of Florence, Italy, has publicly apologized for having hanged and burned Girolamo Savonarola, famous Dominican monk, on May 23, 1498. Savonarola's crusade against luxury and in favour of humility brought upon him the wrath of the powerful Medici family, who barred the monks of the monastery, St. Mark's, from ever entering the chapel of the Palazzo Vecchio. This ban has now been lifted.—New York Herald Tribune.

Previously we commented on the amount spent on food and care of pets, observing the pet food industry had reached large proportions. That this is so is shown by the will

of Mr. James Nicholson, a bird-seed manufacturer, who left an estate of \$650,000. A feature of his last testament was a bequest of \$30,000 to help reduce the United Kingdom's national debt, out of Mr. Nicholson's regard for the Royal Navy. Possibly this fortune didn't arise entirely out of selling food for canaries, parrots and budgies. But certainly Mr. Nicholson didn't lose money at it. If the \$650,000 were all profit from bird food, it signifies the number of birds being fed, and at what expense.—Windsor Star.

Altogether, the Olympiad seems to be slightly outgrowing itself; probably a somewhat shortened list of events would be better when the next one is held in Australia in 1956. But by all means, let the games go on.—Christian Science Monitor.

It would be indiscreet to give Americans advice on the holding of their political conventions among ourselves we may hope that their methods will not be imitated in Canada. It is indeed too much in the atmosphere of a circus that they choose the candidates for president and vice-president of the United States. In a word, these proceedings do too much lack dignity. Without being too solemn it seems possible to choose the candidates for one of the most important duties on earth without having recourse to actors and the methods of burlesque. Must enthusiasm and the desire to win manifest themselves only through vulgarity? We do not believe it.—Le Canada, Montreal.

The Poet's Corner

UNTO THOSE WHO, YEARN

God's loveliest creations have no voice— The dew descends in silence to the earth. And none has heard a summer moon rejoice Nor yet the echo of the first star's mirth.

No fanfare marks the coming of the dawn— On soft and noiseless wings thy snow goes by. A blood-red berry tells the rose is gone Without an anthem sung, without a sigh.

Yet these creations unto those who yearn, For syllables of silence on the ear. Speak each in its own language, each in turn. The soothing words that hearts alone may hear.

—Inez Clark Thorson.

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