

The Late Archbishop Sinnott

A distinguished son of Prince Edward Island has passed away in the person of His Excellency Most Rev. Alfred A. Sinnott, D.D., first Archbishop of Winnipeg. His Excellency visited here on two occasions in late years, renewed old friendships and testified in many ways to his abiding interest in this Province and its people, whom he deemed the salt of the earth.

The pleasure was indeed mutual. All who met His Excellency were charmed with his manner and edified by his conversation, which reflected his wide experience and ripe Christian philosophy, his broad-minded tolerance and insight into human nature. He seemed at home in every company, and had the talent for establishing sympathetic relations even with strangers whom he would meet casually on the street.

Like many other distinguished Islanders, His Excellency was a graduate of St. Dunstan's College and studied at Montreal and later in Rome before being ordained in 1900. His appointment as Archbishop of Winnipeg in 1915 was a fitting recognition of his zeal and devotion to his sacred calling. Further honours were bestowed upon him in 1938 by Pius XI, and he was regarded throughout Canada as one of the leading churchmen of his day.

The Causeway And The City

Much of the difficulty faced by Charlottetown and the adjoining villages and built-up areas may be traced to the problem of water supply. As long as the area was dependent upon wells it was difficult indeed to expand operations. That situation will be radically changed if the proposal materializes to construct a causeway in place of the North River Bridge.

The ratepayers of Parkdale have indicated their approval of a plan to provide water and sewerage disposal for that village at the estimated cost of \$200,000. This is less than a third of what it would cost for the entire area surrounding Charlottetown and it is perhaps not surprising that the village ratepayers would like to cut themselves off from any responsibility outside their boundaries.

The Province had a survey made of the entire Charlottetown area and also appointed a commissioner to enquire into the problems involved. The result of each was to indicate that the whole area is a natural unit, easily serviced but requiring an overall plan. It is to be hoped that the established authorities can work together on such a general scheme, taking advantage of the natural lie of the land.

Electrifying New Brunswick

Of Maritime-wide interest is an article in the current Canadian Geographical Journal dealing with the activities of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission and its plans for future expansion. These plans are based on the engineering tenet that the most economic generating system for the province is an integrated and interconnected system of hydro and thermal generation.

International and interprovincial agreement and co-operation. Through the efforts of the New Brunswick Resources and Development Board, the Canadian Department of External Affairs was able, in 1950, to interest the International Joint Commission in having a study made of all potential power sites on the river.

The basin of the St. John River drains 11,250 square miles in the Province of New Brunswick, 2,750 square miles in the Province of Quebec, and 7,600 square miles in the northern section of the State of Maine. Two committees were set up in connection with the study, a four-member engineering board and an engineering work group, the latter composed of members of utilities from New Brunswick, Quebec, and Maine and representatives from large industries and conservation bodies.

Dealing with tidal power prospects, it is noted that in 1950 at Passamaquoddy Bay, at the entrance to the Bay of Fundy, a preliminary survey was made under the direction of the International Joint Commission. At that time it was estimated that a full scale survey to determine the economic feasibility of the project would cost nearly four million dollars.

There are two other possible sites for harnessing the tides of Fundy, both located at the head of the bay where the tidal range varies between forty and fifty feet. One is at the confluence of the bay and the Memramcook and Petitcodiac rivers. Investigations carried out there in 1944 and 1945 have shown the site to be uneconomic.

Reports of radio-activity in Japan and other areas west of Bikini must be considered in relation to the eastward movement of air in the northern hemisphere. The radiation observed in such places must have originated in Europe or Asia or else have nearly circled the globe.

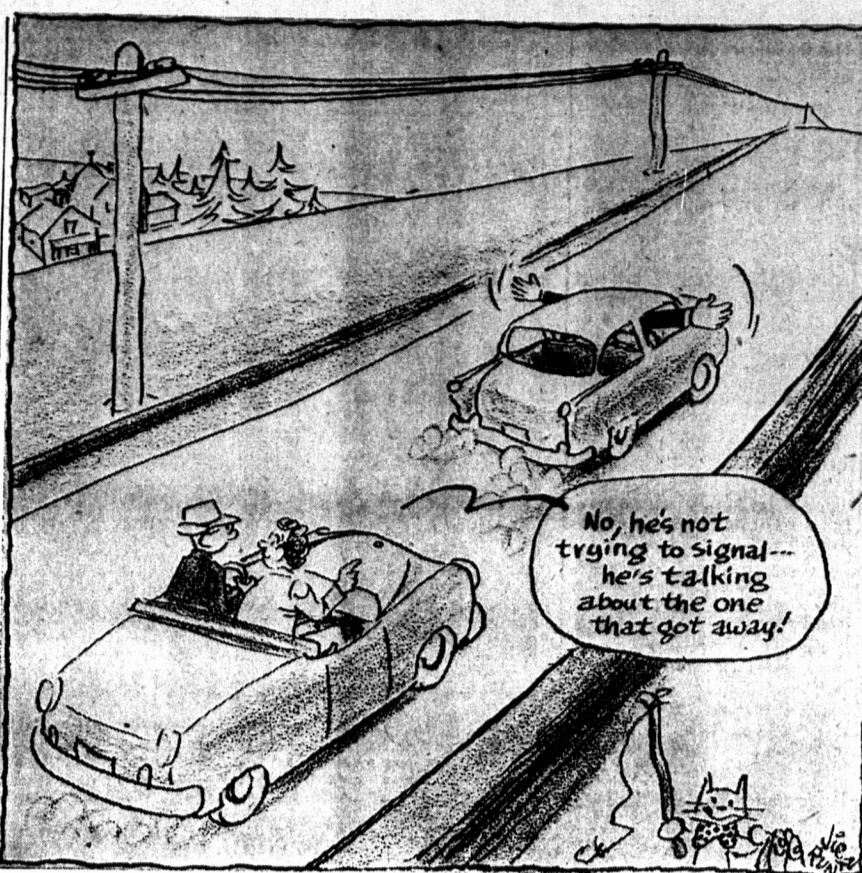
The term "brain wave" may be physiologically correct according to a Chicago scientist. It has been suggested that the memory, for instance, works much like a magnetic tape recorder and that the difference in electrical waves from the brain at different ages represents the amount of knowledge stored away.

When H. M. the Queen arrives on the George Cross Island of Malta in May, she will unveil the Commonwealth Air Forces Memorial. On it are the names of 2,300 aircrew, including 286 Canadians, who lost their lives operating in that area.

The United States Chamber of Commerce has published "Are Canadians Really...?", a tongue-in-cheek handbook for the painless education of people who don't care for Canada.

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FISH TALE

Safety In Co-Existence

Joseph C. Harsch in The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON — There has been a natural, and inevitable, reversion against the setting off of hydrogen weapons. In Britain's Parliament, and other places, there has been a widespread expression of a desire to stop the explosions. Many a person seems to feel that something potentially harmful to mankind could be averted by the mechanical process of refraining from further experiments.

This human reflex derives in part from an automatic assumption that the danger lies in the development and explosion of these H-weapons. It presumes that there is a special danger in the weapons themselves which can be removed by merely leaving them alone and doing nothing further with them.

Down through the story of mankind on this planet there have been instruments of mass destruction. They have been used. It could be argued that they have done quite as much harm to civilization as H-bombs could do today.

The barbarian hordes which swarmed out of Asia over the higher civilization of Western Europe were instruments of mass destruction. They were as insatiable, as ruthless, as intolerant, as non-selective as any atomic weapon could be.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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SUGGESTS FARMERS UNION

Sir.—The writer of the Federation of Agriculture News on Thursday took the stand that undue criticism has been spoken or written by unqualified people. Now for some reason or other the Federation in Ontario got leaders who were so bad that the farmers reorganized a Farmers' Union, and in Manitoba the Farmers' Union voted down the Federation of Agriculture who were trying to stop a Marketing Board for livestock which would cover all classes of animals.

Perhaps a farmers' union here would be much better than the Federation, which has practically died off anyway. I am, Sir, etc., FARMER, North Winsloe.

FARM ORGANIZATIONS

Sir.—For quite some time I have been reading the weekly news letter of the secretary of the Federation of Agriculture and I think many of his remarks are fine, but I take exception to his writing in last Friday's Guardian with regard to some people condemning organizations without all facts.

Now, Sir, in next week's letter I expect an answer to a couple of questions. Why did the Federation of Agriculture hold their annual meeting this year behind closed doors instead of being published and open to the public? And if farm organizations are gaining in strength, prestige and recognition by all who can read the record, with the possible exception of those individuals who believe that the sun rises on the east side of their own hog lot and sets on the west, please state why the Federation of Agriculture dropped in membership from 5400 to 2500 and lost approximately \$2,600 in 1953. I am, Sir, etc., FARMER, St. Peters.

TRAFFIC OFFICER NEEDED

Sir.—I notice where applications are called for Police for our city and as one of the many pedestrians who walk to and from work daily and use the crossing at the Bank of Nova Scotia corner I would say a Police officer is sorely needed there, especially in evening rush hour.

Every evening we wait there in flocks for a chance to race across between cars and mostly wait a long while, and only get across by chance with cars rushing at us from three ways.

Standing there in the rain and cold is not funny at supper time on any time. The city wants to raise the poll tax to thirty dollars while bicycles can be driven up and down the sidewalk, left in store doors, up against show windows and the like, and old and new cars can honk you off the street, especially at crossings, as if you were some old dog.

Visiting in the U. S. A. on business a short time ago and being on a call in Somerville just out of Boston, one afternoon when I came to a crossing place similar to our Bank of Nova Scotia corner a Police officer stepped into the street and said, "O.K., sir, cross over." Thinking of home I waited on the other side for a time, to see this happen a score of times. At another center in Medford, Mass., we came to a crossing at the square. The traffic was heavy and lights were working there; also an officer stepped into the street to hold the traffic for a crowd to cross.

I am sure there are hundreds using this busy corner at rush hour who will agree we need an officer here to superintend the traffic not to wave cars on to the rush around the block but to give the pedestrians a chance to get across safely and home to their supper. This letter is not a reflection on our Police but a request for pro-

NOTES BY THE WAY

A man's home is his castle just as long as he doesn't default on his monthly payments.—Calgary, Alberta. A fathead is also a cyprinoid fish (a kind of carp) that lives in Mississippi Valley streams.—National Geographic. 'Tact is the ability to think of things far enough ahead so as not to say them.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

The trouble with spring in Northern Ontario is not so much recognizing it, as living through it.—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Toronto people have taken to joy riding on their new subway. As it cannot be for what they see it must be for what they can avoid seeing.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

An oldtimer who retired some while ago, when work got too hard for him, is able to take on the jobs again now. He finds the standards of work have declined faster than he.—From "The Printed Word".

Ernest Hemingway says it isn't true that one gets a quick review of his life at the moment of death. This is a subject, however, on which Ernest hardly can speak as an expert. He has figured in several crashes, but isn't dead yet.—Windsor Star.

Giving Canada's Indians ordinary citizenship rights is something which should have been done a long time ago. No longer are Indians regarded as people who must be kept in subjection.—Niagara Falls Review.

Cigarettes were first made for British troops in the Crimea 100 years ago, so Moscow may fairly claim a share in the invention, having furnished the war without which the cigarette might have remained unvented.—T. W. Jones in Toronto Star.

Get out the butter. Roll out the biscuits. Word from the Federal Department of Fisheries is that the Goldeye supply will be up this season. Some of it is expected from Sandy Lake in north eastern Ontario, and some from Lake Claire in northern Alberta. Home on the range, at Lake Winnipeg and Lake Winnipegosis, the supply also is picking up, or at least so the Federal Department optimistically believes.—Winnipeg Free Press.

The withdrawal of a painting from an English art exhibit because the artist painted it with her feet seems to be really stretching a point. From some examples of modernist paintings, it is a marvel that the judges can tell whether they were drawn with feet, hands or noses.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

There have been attempts lately to modify the popular attitude to Victorian prudery and these have been largely successful. However, Mr. E. H. Mason, the Cheshire County Librarian, has struck a sound blow for the old attitude by quoting an almost incredible passage from a book of etiquette published in 1863. The passage reads: "The perfect hostess will see to it that the works of female and male authors are segregated on her shelves. Their proximity, unless the authors are married, should not be tolerated."—Manchester Guardian.

In dealing with elderly people it is important to realize that they love old surroundings, old furniture and old friends. To snatch them out of the familiar environment and place them where they will be cut off from many familiar things is no doubt sometimes necessary. But the very best plan for them is one which will enable them to retain as much of the past as possible; their familiar church life, their personal friendships, their accustomed surroundings. That is the kindest future which anyone can provide for them.—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

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PLOUGHING MATCH

"On Tuesday, the 3rd inst., a Ploughing Match took place at Government Farm, under the direction of the Agricultural Society. Ten ploughs started, and all the ploughmen accomplished their work in a very masterly manner; half an acre was allotted to each. Only one of the competitors was a native. The native ploughman, it was supposed, were in general intimidated by the dread of the superior dexterity of the Old Country competitors, otherwise there would have been more of the former. The rules prescribed by the Society were—each furrow slice to be ploughed 4 1/2 inches deep and eight inches wide—to plough all alike, commence in the centre, and gather the ridge—that the cattle should not be hurried, as goodness of work was the object—to adopt the raising furrow slice, as in broadcast sowing, it naturally falls into the lowest part of the furrows, and then by harrowing, the seed is deeper covered, and comes up in rows, giving it a better chance for a free circulation of air in its aftergrowth, and to clean by hoeing, and probably some saving of seed—having nearly the same effect as sowing by drill machine.

The judges appointed to award the prizes at the match pronounced their decision as follows: First prize, £3, to Thomas Macvey; second prize, £2, to Thomas Newbery; third prize, £1, to John Ferguson. The judges (Messrs. Dockendorff, Douce and Leavorth) recommended the following bounties to each of the unsuccessful competitors; to William Lund, 15s; to Chester Woolner, Joseph Dix, George Chandler, John Thomas Godfrey, 5s. each."—Royal Gazette, Oct. 10, 1837.

The Poet's Corner

VASTNESS

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The Age Old Story

Rejoice the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul... All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. For thou are great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

HISTORIC CANAL The first Lachine canal along the St. Lawrence near Montreal was opened in 1825.