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Prime Minister's Address

As befitting the occasion, Prime Minister St. Laurent avoided party politics entirely in his Confederation anniversary address here yesterday, giving instead an inspiring review of our development as a nation. Speaking from the balcony of the very building in which Confederation was proclaimed, his speech was broadcast throughout the country. It was, we venture to say, one of the finest the Prime Minister has made. He was at pains to point out the progressive steps by which we attained our independent status which culminated officially in the Statute of Westminster, but which virtually had been achieved by the sacrifices of our soldiers, sailors and airmen in the First World War, and by the efforts of Sir Robert Borden who was Prime Minister at that time. Nor did he fail to acknowledge our debt to Great Britain down through the years, or to emphasize the continuing ties of kinship and friendship with the mother land. He expressed the hope that Canada will soon have power to amend her constitution in all respects, but made it clear that this was a matter of agreement to be reached between the Provinces and Dominion, and that no provincial rights under the British North America Act should be disturbed. Most important in the Prime Minister's message was his reminder of the responsibilities as well as rights of Canadian citizenship. The two go together, but we are sometimes inclined to forget this fact. If we are today one of the leading nations of the world, we must be prepared to face all the implications this involves, both in Commonwealth affairs and in the larger sphere of United Nations activities.

An Unsubsidized Service

The news that an additional service will be started between Charlottetown, Cornerbrook and Montreal is to be welcomed. The M.V. Charles E. MacLean, 450 tons, and other ships as necessary are to be put on the run by Gerald F. Murphy and Sons Ltd. of Montreal and will certainly prove of value to Island shippers.

According to the Department of Industry and Natural Resources there is no subsidy being provided so that it would seem that the company is convinced that the project should be self-sustaining. That in itself is an encouraging sign for in the past it has all too often required government subsidies to induce shipping lines to provide service between points in these Atlantic Provinces.

The present proposal indicates a degree of confidence in the possibilities of trade between the three centres that should evoke interest on the part of producers and shippers. There can be no doubt but that the possibilities exist. The provision of additional shipping facilities should stimulate trade and that in turn result in more shipping. The economies of the three points of call seem ideally complementary and there is no reason why the project should not expand greatly.

West Indies Federation

The reports on the London Conference on West Indian Federation indicate that the delegates achieved a major advance towards the objective of close political association between British islands in the Caribbean Sea, says the assistant editor of "New Commonwealth."

In the first place, the West Indians reached agreement themselves on the type of Federal Constitution they desired, and in the second place, the United Kingdom Government found acceptance from the West Indians for its plan of financial assistance during the early years of the new federation.

Discussions in the conference were based on a report published in 1950 by a committee—the British Caribbean Standing Closed Association Committee—which consisted of delegates appointed by the legislatures of each unit in the British Caribbean area for the purpose of devising the ground plan for a federal government. When this report was debated in the unit legislatures, the principle was agreed except by the governments of British Guiana and British Honduras, but various modifications were suggested, and it was from this situation that the London Conference emerged. Delegates attended from Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts, Nevis and

Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom.

The United Kingdom Government has all along been in favour of federation, as offering a means for the West Indies to achieve economic stability and political independence, but from the beginning its policy has been that the decision must be left to the West Indians, and this restraint on the part of Britain has been faithfully observed.

The new agreement accomplished by the London conference has now to be submitted to the territorial legislatures. It is only after this final hurdle has been surmounted that practical steps toward establishing the Federation can be taken. It looks like the dream will come true soon.

Lobster Holding Facilities

While improvements in handling and transporting live lobsters have made it possible for Maritime shippers to market this delicious sea food anywhere in Canada, sales expansion is being blocked by inadequate storage facilities in most cities all across the country. According to a Fisheries Department bulletin, the situation is that development of inland holding facilities has not kept pace and the difficulties associated with retaining lobsters in live state hundreds of miles from the sea have hindered marketing.

The Fisheries Department has developed a simple, inexpensive wooden holding unit in which lobsters have been kept alive and active for several weeks. The unit is filled with artificial sea water. This has been found to be the most satisfactory from every standpoint, although there has been developed and is now being gradually adopted by the trade holding units of glass and stainless steel, equipped with mechanical refrigeration and filtration. While the latter are considered to be too expensive and appear more elaborate than necessary, there is not nearly enough of any of the types installed at inland centres to make for the progressive expansion of live lobster marketing.

It is to be hoped that the department's experts will soon have the inland storage facilities for this variety of shellfish fully adequate, a factor that would be of all-round benefit to the lobster fishermen in these easternmost provinces of Canada.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Now that Senator Joseph McCarthy is considering investigating ex-President Truman it would seem to be in order for him to investigate himself. An investigation to determine how much the Communist cause has been benefited by the Senator's activities would be very much to the point.

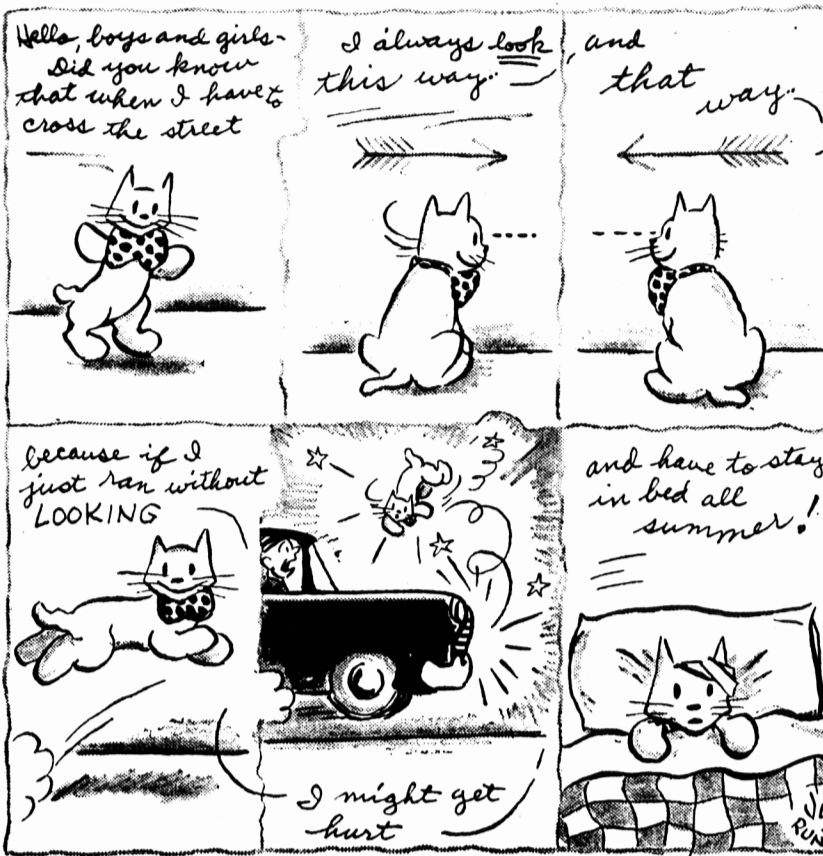
As of today Prince Edward Island has an Historical Museum although unfortunately a temporary one for the months of July and August only. Every year that passes without a permanent home for our historical material means that there will be so much less of it to pass on to future generations.

The late Staff Sergeant McInnis was a first class traffic officer, combining courtesy and efficiency in a manner which reflected credit not only upon himself, but on the City Police Force and community generally. His very sudden passing has been a shock to his thousands of friends at home, and will be learned with regret far and wide.

Jean Jaques Rousseau, French writer and philosopher, died this date 1778. He won a prize for his essay on the paradox of the superiority of the savage state regarding the effect of civilization on morals. In 1762 he propounded a new system of education, based on natural development and the power of example, which was to have widespread effect on educational theories. The same year he published his "Social Contract" which aroused great controversy.

A recent issue of "Italian Affairs," an Italian Government publication, explains that Cinecitta, near Rome, where "Quo Vadis" and several other non-Italian films have been made, is the largest and most completely equipped movie centre in the world with the exception of Hollywood. And even Hollywood can hardly compare with its compactness, or the variety of scenic backgrounds that are available within a few miles of its studios. The superiority of Cinecitta is no accident. The site was carefully chosen by the Mussolini Government, back in the thirties and on it, as the name implies, a "cinema city" was built, complete with sound studios, dressing-rooms, storehouses, workshops and miles of electrical equipment. Occupation, bombing, looting and use as refugee quarters broke Cinecitta down to a discouraging level by 1947. Then the new republic began the costly rehabilitation process. Today, the city ranks, once again, as the biggest and best movie production centre in Europe.

Have Fun Safely



(Annual Letter To Our Youngest Readers)

PUBLIC FORUM

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'BETTER ENGLISH'

Sir, I hope I may not appear as one too ready to pick holes in the work of any institution that is worthy of praise. No, doubt they are conscientiously guided who determine what our boys and girls in the district schools shall be taught. The same may be said of those who choose the curriculum for high schools. In the latter case at least it will be admitted that in a world moving at a fast pace we should not permit even a mild form of mental rigor mortis to set in. Civilization does not remain static and therefore education must not remain static. Education must lead. In no part should it be as an obsolescent rear coach. There are no subjects more bumpy and hideous in this respect than grammar and rhetoric. There are precise niceties in these subjects which were made to be disregarded when necessary.

Your "Better English" department, as our learned friend Mr. James Fendergast said some time ago, is "small but essential." It serves a good purpose, but the best counsel will sometimes fail. Your present correspondent's attention was drawn to this topic by the answer given to a question in "Better English" on June 27. Mr. D. C. Williams asks: "What is wrong with this sentence? 'Every one of us have got to be there.'" And answers, "Every one of us has to be there." The best writers of English today would say, "Every one of us have to be there."

This is invariably the practice of Sir Winston S. Churchill and he is accounted one of the greatest living masters of English diction and style. Take an example at random from his speeches. Speaking in the British House of Commons on the British policy toward Spain he said, "Everyone can have their opinion about that." Even the earliest English novelists used the plural form of the verb: from Fielding's Tom Jones, "Everyone in the house were in their beds."

President P. D. Roosevelt's Fireside Chats hit the seven hills of informal profane oratory. He was a master of emphasis too. You can imagine how he dwelt on the words "everybody, everybody, and everybody" with plural personal pronouns. Here is a good example: "There have always been cheerful idiots in this country who believed that there would be no war for us, if everybody would only get into their homes and lock their front doors behind them." The word, some, except in this sentence is almost always plural. Old grammarians made an exception to this rule, viz, someone; now no longer so when the specific identity of the one is unknown. Good writers will freely say, "Someone did this; I could only find a clue to their identity."

In conclusion here are a few pertinent facts to ponder over (Oh! a prepositional ending, — you exclaim). Thomas Aquinas had one of the most comprehensive minds the world has known; yet he was the mathematic genius, admits that he was stupid in school learning. And Sir Winston S. Churchill

The Age Old Story

All things are delivered unto me of my Father; and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father, neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

The Poet's Corner

TURNING TIDE

There is no sound. Before me stretches The dry sand; ribbons of seaweed are brittle. Not a breath of air; gulls drowse on the rocks. But listen! There comes a stirring, a whisper, A whiff of salt mingled with warm fragrance Of newly mown grass, buttercups, and daisies. A skain of water creeps up the shore Followed by a glass-green wave That leaves a fringe of shell-embroidered foam; Seaweed revives, barnacles open feathery fans As the hot mile of sand is slowly It is the silver turning of the tide. —Marjorie Somers Scheuer, in the Christian Science Monitor.

Jangle Around Gently

(London Free Press) From the lips of Satchel Paige, the fabulous Negro pitcher who, according to sports writers, is 45 going on 60, come gems of advice on how to stay young. Paige, who seems to have been around the diamond since the days of Arthur Doubleday, has reduced the formula for Collier's Magazine to a few rules any hard-driving executive might well adopt. Says Satchel: "Avoid fried meats, which angry up the blood. "If your stomach disputes you, lie down and pacify it with cool thoughts. "Keep the juices flowing by jangling around gently as you move. "Go very lightly on the vices, such as carrying on in society. The social rambler ain't restful." And finally, a nutshell philosophy if we ever heard one: "Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you."

Anyhow outside college walls you don't remember all the grammar rules. But if you read the best in literature repeatedly you will know instinctively when infinitives should end in preposition; when dozen other puzzling rules in grammar should or should not be set aside. You don't know why but you do know that when Shakespeare or Churchill says, "It's me," or "That's him," such expressions must sometimes be very good grammar. I am, Sir, etc. Minor Saxon.

Old Charlottetown

HUBBARD'S INFANT SCHOOL

"About a fortnight since, the building lately erected on the southeast corner of the land connected with St. Paul's Church was opened as an infant school, under the management of a committee of ladies, by Mr. and Mrs. G. Hubbard, from England. The number of scholars already enrolled is 120, and it is fully expected that a very large accession to that number will take place after the present pupils and their monitors are sufficiently trained. It is certainly a most pleasing sight to see this institution in such a fair way of becoming a blessing to the town, and it is cheering to reflect that very many of the rising generation who have been hitherto but too much neglected, will receive a useful, moral and scriptural education.

"The building is neat, substantial and commodious, having, in addition to the large room for the school, four rooms and a cellar, in one end of the building, for the accommodation of the teachers. On Sundays, the school, which was formerly held in the church, occupies the building, and comprises about 150 scholars, most of whom are well advanced in reading, etc. The average attendance is about 110. —Royal Gazette, July 21, 1843.

FAMOUS PRIZES

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (CP) — The Nobel Foundation announced that the 1953 Nobel Prizes will have a monetary value of \$33,840 each, an increase of \$800 from last year. The prizes awarded each year to those contributing to the benefit of mankind come from a fund of \$9,000,000 set up by Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite.

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Notes By The Way

The success of the RCMP's red-coated contingent in London for the Coronation, leads us to believe the Mounted will be flooded with offers of enlistment from adventurous British youths before long—Vancouver Sun.

This is a world of experts, but there's still not enough to go around. For that reason the United Nations Technical Administration, which has budgeted for \$21,000,000, is directing an exchange of specialists among sixty-one nations subscribing to one plan. Countries with agricultural, industrial and social problems, for instance, are receiving direct help from men and women specially trained in such things as tobacco growing, the manufacture of plastics, electric power, penicillin plants, control of hoof and mouth disease, and heart clinics. — St. John Telegraph Journal.

Certainly the dandelion is an enterprising and courageous botanical bit. Given half a chance it will grow almost anywhere. Is its persistence to be deplored? Then why make this very same characteristic a virtue among men? A field of dandelions in bloom does offer a striking picture, regardless of what it may do to prospective crops. Its vitality is amazing, so that it flourishes, come the hottest Summer or the coldest Winter. And to those acquainted with the formula or recipe, dandelion blooms can be the basis of a potent beverage. —Brantford Expositor.

Many years ago an enthusiastic rock gardener of South Africa's eastern province wanted a specimen of jointed cactus for his garden. So he imported one from Mexico. It was a fine plant and it flourished and spread. He gave his friends plants from the mother stem. They also grew and flourished. From that simple beginning, sprang a creeping menace that is today seriously threatening the land heritage of South Africa—the menace of the jointed cactus. In the fine grazing lands of the eastern province the cactus has been on the march for nearly 50 years, and has already engulfed more than 2,000,000 acres. No chemical has yet been found that will kill the cactus. —Winnipeg Free Press.

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