

THE GUARDIAN

Authorized as Second Class Mail Post Office Department, Ottawa. The Island Guardian Publishing Co. President and Associate Editor, Ian A. Burnett, Associate Editor, Frank Walker. CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew" "The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink". CHARLOTTETOWN, MONDAY, JAN. 19, 1953

A Government Responsibility

It is to be hoped that a railway strike will be averted before the deadline of February 2 set by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. If a strike should take place, however, the communication between this Province and the mainland of Canada must be maintained. Between August 21st and August 30th, 1950, the ferry service was suspended between Borden and Tormentine. Even at that time of year, with the Wood Islands ferry in operation the result was extremely serious.

At that time strong representations were made by the Legislature and Boards of Trade that the C. N. R. was merely the agent of the Federal Government in carrying out the Government's constitutional obligation to provide continuous service and that, if necessary, the power expressly reserved of taking the ferry back into the Government's hands should be exercised. Brotherhood officials recognized the special conditions of the ferry service and authorized resumption of operation a short time before a general settlement.

The time for reaching a similar understanding with the Brotherhood is before rather than after strike action is taken and at the same time the Federal Government must be made to realize its responsibility whatever may be the difficulties of the particular organization to which it has delegated the task of providing the service.

To all other parts of Canada the 1950 strike was merely an inconvenience. To this Province it meant practical isolation. A rail strike should not at the same time tie up truck, bus and automobile traffic. In particular, it cannot be permitted to excuse the Government from providing the continuous communication promised Prince Edward Island as a term of Confederation

Anti-Freeze Hearing

In an important anti-freeze hearing now before the Tariff Board at Ottawa, the Revenue Department has aligned itself on the side of the consumer. It resisted the temptation to slap a 20 per cent duty on the principal raw materials of anti-freeze, and declared instead they should come into Canada duty-free. It said that ethylene glycol did not have to be absolutely pure in order to qualify for free entry. Two Canadian manufacturing companies are disputing this interpretation, claiming that Parliament never intended that anything but pure ethylene glycol should be admitted free. The counter-argument is that the product in everyday commerce is rarely found in a pure form anyway (it is a blend), and that Parliament presumably had in mind the familiar kind of raw materials for anti-freeze when it approved the schedules.

The Ottawa Citizen notes that according to the two Canadian manufacturers now looking for protection, large quantities of low-priced glycol blends are being brought into this country from the United States. Unless the Tariff Board decides otherwise, these blends will continue to pay no duty. The effect is to put pressure on the retail price of anti-freeze—and that effect is being felt at the present time—with consequent benefit to the consumer. The National Revenue Department deserves notice, in this particular instance, for a liberal interpretation of the tariff schedule.

Stability in Greece

In accordance with the clear verdict of the Greek people as expressed in the general election of November 16, 1952, the government of Field Marshal Alexander Papagos is the most stable that Greece has had for many years. This stability, says a release from the Greek Embassy at Ottawa, will enable the government to deal with the nation's problems through the implementation of a long term program, the general principles of which were outlined to parliament by Prime Minister Papagos.

As to the foreign policy, the government is fully attached to the ideal of peace which will be carried out within the context of UN under whose flag her soldiers are writing a historic chapter in Korea, with the conviction that the soil which lies there is an imaginary projection of their own sacred soil, and the Atlantic Treaty. Close co-operation with Great Britain, France and the United States, who lead the peaceful and defence efforts of the free

democratic world, is the pivot of Greek foreign policy.

The maintenance and development of Greek-Turkish co-operation in all fields and friendship which was sealed by the exchange of visits between the two chiefs of state, will be strengthened in common as the main guarantee for the security of both and for the consolidation of peace in the Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean.

In this same spirit the government looks with confidence to the promotion and further tightening of relations with Yugoslavia since Yugoslavia, together with Turkey and Greece, form the most forward bastion of the free world. As a matter of fact in the interest of peace and the development of the Balkan peoples the Greek government would wish to see the rest of the northern neighbors free and on friendly terms with Greece.

The Greek government is especially eager to promote and strengthen relations with Italy. The trip to Athens of the Italian Prime Minister, M. De Gasperi, is destined to render Greek-Italian friendship even more intimate and to broaden the scope of Greece's co-operation with Italy.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is during the tourist season that hooked rugs make their appearance, but now is the time that industrious housewives give thought to the coming demand and start transforming the family's unguarded clothes into works of art.

The policy of paying a bounty on skunk, raccoon and fox is of doubtful value as an extermination measure. Those who profit most by the system are subject to the temptation to follow conservation policies rather than extermination ones in acquiring snouts.

Square dancing, which is attaining a popularity which would have been considered impossible a few years ago, has much in common with the Lancers which has been the popular folk dance in this Province from early days. Technically, however, the Lancers is a contra dance, the basic form being lines of dancers rather than squares of four couples.

The discovery was already a bit mouldy when Sir Alexander Flemming discovered penicillin in 1929. Russian scientists are reported to be honouring the memory of Andrei Polotebnov, a Russian of course, who used the drug for skin treatment away back in 1872. Presumably the discovery was treated as a military secret during its development period.

The president of a "big business" has had some words to say about the vital importance of small businesses. Mr. G. L. Stewart of Imperial Oil Limited pointed out recently that small businesses can mean the prosperity of future generations. The development of such industries . . . creates the new opportunities which alone can bring full employment and social security.

While Summerside found it necessary to reduce the numbers of its Fire Brigade, the Charlottetown Hook and Ladder Company of the Fire Brigade finds that additional men are necessary to obtain full advantage from the modern equipment. Of course Charlottetown would be no more advantaged than the Prince County centre by the addition of names without active membership.

Johann Elert Bode, German astronomer, was born this date 1747. Bode's law, which he propounded, states that the distances of the planets from the sun are found by adding 4 to each term of the series 0, 3, 6, 12, 24, etc., with 384 as the last term. Subsequently a previously unknown group was found in proper position between Mars and Jupiter. Neptune, however, is closer to the sun than required by this rule.

The spirit of protectionism dies hard in the United States. While American statesmen are trying to bring about a low-tariff world, special interests move heaven and earth to have their own particular product freed from outside competition. The proposal to classify fresh and frozen lobster meat as "canned lobster meat or crab meat" and consequently ban its importation is in line with practices which are all too familiar.

The expansion of our trade with the United Kingdom is indicated by figures given to the House of Commons at Westminster just before Christmas recess. The Government stated that British exports to North America in October were the highest for any month since the end of the war. The increase was most strongly marked in exports to Canada. In October, these exports totalled \$14.2 millions (\$39,760,000) against \$10.9 millions (\$30,520,000) in September. Total British exports to North America were \$81,760,000 against \$63,840,000 in September.

Straight From The Horse's Mouth



The Poet's Corner

TO AGE Welcome, old friend! These many years Have we lived door by door: The Fates have laid aside their shears Perhaps for some few more. I was indolent at an age When better boys were laught. But thou at length hast made me sage. If I am sage at length, Little I know of other men, Too little they from me, But thou hast pointed well the pen That writes these lines to thee. Rather what lies before my feet My notice shall engage— He who hath braved Youth's dizzy heat Dreads not the frost of Age. —Walter Savage Landor.

Old Charlottetown

TEACHER SHORTAGE From the report of the annual general meeting of the Highland Society of Prince Edward Island, March 22, 1841: "The minutes of the different meetings of the last year having been read, it appeared the principal object of the Society had been the introduction of school-masters and the importation of books, the want of which had been and was still severely felt. For this purpose a correspondence had been opened with the Educational Society of Glasgow, through Dr. MacLeod and Principal Macfarlane, of the University. That Society, influenced by the representations of these gentlemen, promptly and generously responded to the call, by a promise of selecting eight or ten properly qualified teachers, defraying the expense of their outfit and passage, and, moreover, supplying them with books sufficient for a corresponding number of schools, provided adequate and permanent support were guaranteed them on their arrival on our shores. "The Society ordered this offer to be advertised in the newspapers of the Island, and called upon the different destitute settlements to avail themselves of such an advantageous proposal, and lend their co-operation in encouraging the immigration of teachers who would prove such an acquisition to the Colony; but lamentable is the apathy and indifference to their best interests which prevail among our population—not one District having yet come forward with offers of assistance or support."

The Age-Old Story

And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see; and they glorified the God of Israel.

TOURIST RECEIPTS

LONDON — (CP) — The British Travel and Holiday Association estimates total tourist earnings in Britain last year were \$32,000,000. This included about \$43,000,000 spent by 180,000 visitors from Canada and the United States.

ENERGETIC WRITER

Sir Walter Scott wrote his famous novel "Guy Mannering" within six weeks in 1815.

Alice In Currieland

"I take the full responsibility!" said the Brooker, with a grand air. "Nobody is responsible but me! There'll be no scapegoats around here, I can assure you!" Alice was a little surprised. She ventured to remark, "Then you must feel very sad." "Sad?" asked the Brooker with a sudden air of irritation. "Sad? Why should I be sad?" "Well," said Alice, "I think that I should feel sad if I had the full responsibility for all that mess." "You are a very ignorant little girl," said the Brooker, becoming quite superior and remote. "Anyone of your age ought to know that you don't feel sad when you take the full responsibility. You only mean that you're not really responsible."

N.B. Growers' Quality

(Saint John Telegraph-Journal) The plight of New Brunswick's potato farmers, as outlined by the provincial potato marketing board, calls for serious consideration by provincial and federal authorities. A board spokesman points out that the selling radius of our potatoes—New Brunswick's biggest single cash crop, worth \$19,000,000 last year—is steadily narrowing because of the gradual rise in transportation costs. In fact, say the producers, increasing freight rates have assumed much the same proportions as prohibitive tariff barriers which prevent the goods of one country from crossing into another and being sold at a profit. The latest nine per cent hike in freight rates, which went into effect on January 1, added eleven cents to the cost of shipping a barrel of potatoes to Montreal, and thirteen cents to Toronto. As a result, they say, New Brunswick potatoes are being sent to Upper Canadian markets at a loss.

OIL RESERVES

Total world oil reserves were estimated in 1952 at 100 billion barrels, of which half are in the Middle East.

FIRESTONE TIRE SERVICE

Flats Fixed Vulcanizing - Retreading Phone 747 We Trade Tires. FIRESTONE BRYENTON & MCKAY COMPANY 187 Great George St. Wholesale and Retail for P. E. Island. Your Friendly FIRESTONE Dealer

Notes By The Way

Edmonton has its stock exchange. The 65-member market opened this week for trading. Canada now has six exchanges. And two of them are in bustling Alberta, the first at Calgary, and now the new one at Edmonton. May this milestone of financial growth prosper and play to the fullest its vital role in channeling the funds for developing a wealthy and wonderful land. — Financial Post.

Up in the Arctic

(Sydney Post-Record) The MacKinnon of MacKinnon, who comes to Cape Breton Island for the Gaelic Mod next summer, can be assured of a hearty welcome in Prince Edward Island. Proclaims the Charlottetown Guardian. Perhaps for reasons of getting points of geography and Highland kinship straight, the Guardian explains that P. E. I. is "the most western of the Western Isles." Goes on to show The Guardian isn't going to allow a little thing like the Atlantic Ocean separate Charlottetown and, by inference, Cape Breton, from the closest possible association with the Hebrides. Let this be a reminder to any Cape Bretoners heretofore unaware of it that they are nearer North and South than they may have realized. On the basis of The Guardian's proclamation, Cape Breton dutifully steps into line as the next to most western of the Western Isles. The Chief of Clan MacKinnon will find himself surrounded here by MacKinnons at the coming Mod.

Stepping Into Line

Some people are squawking because they are receiving peremptory notices asking them to pay their income taxes or else. They are being given notices, captioned "Final Demand for Payment," printed in red ink and told they will be required to add six percent interest to payment in arrears and if they still do not pay, punishment may follow. The rest of us who pay our taxes have not a deal of sympathy for such people. Professional men who make sure their payments are made by April 30 are not worrying. Why should those of us who pay our taxes without protest weep over the plight of those who don't? — Niagara Falls Review.

Notes By The Way

Edmonton has its stock exchange. The 65-member market opened this week for trading. Canada now has six exchanges. And two of them are in bustling Alberta, the first at Calgary, and now the new one at Edmonton. May this milestone of financial growth prosper and play to the fullest its vital role in channeling the funds for developing a wealthy and wonderful land. — Financial Post.

Up in the Arctic

(Sydney Post-Record) The MacKinnon of MacKinnon, who comes to Cape Breton Island for the Gaelic Mod next summer, can be assured of a hearty welcome in Prince Edward Island. Proclaims the Charlottetown Guardian. Perhaps for reasons of getting points of geography and Highland kinship straight, the Guardian explains that P. E. I. is "the most western of the Western Isles." Goes on to show The Guardian isn't going to allow a little thing like the Atlantic Ocean separate Charlottetown and, by inference, Cape Breton, from the closest possible association with the Hebrides. Let this be a reminder to any Cape Bretoners heretofore unaware of it that they are nearer North and South than they may have realized. On the basis of The Guardian's proclamation, Cape Breton dutifully steps into line as the next to most western of the Western Isles. The Chief of Clan MacKinnon will find himself surrounded here by MacKinnons at the coming Mod.

Stepping Into Line

Some people are squawking because they are receiving peremptory notices asking them to pay their income taxes or else. They are being given notices, captioned "Final Demand for Payment," printed in red ink and told they will be required to add six percent interest to payment in arrears and if they still do not pay, punishment may follow. The rest of us who pay our taxes have not a deal of sympathy for such people. Professional men who make sure their payments are made by April 30 are not worrying. Why should those of us who pay our taxes without protest weep over the plight of those who don't? — Niagara Falls Review.

Professional Cards

- Matheson, Peake & Nicholson. A. W. MATHESON, Q.C. A. H. PEAKE, B.A., LL.B. JOHN P. NICHOLSON, LL.B. Barristers, Etc. Collections - Money To Loan 90 Great George Street Charlottetown. J. A. McQuigan BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC. NOTARY, ETC. Currie Building. Palmer & Haslam A. J. HASLAM, B.A., LL.B. Barrister, Etc. Bank of Nova Scotia Chambers Charlottetown, P. E. I. MONEY TO LOAN. Allison M. Gillis, LL.B. BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC. 130 Richmond St. - Charlottetown Phone 530. Dr. A. L. MacIsaac DENTIST Dental X-Ray GLOBIA BUILDING 179 Grafton St. Phone 291. J. A. Carruthers, R.O. OPTOMETRIST 123 Kent Street Phone 2872 (Next to Simpson's Agency). A. Walthen Gaudet, LL.B. BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC. Phillips Building 111 Grafton Street Money to Loan Collection. Bell, Mathieson & Foster Barristers, Solicitors, Etc. R. R. BELL, Q.C. G. R. FOSTER, LL.B. Loans on City and Farm Properties 150 Richmond Street Charlottetown, P.E.I. H. R. DOANE & COMPANY CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS 148 Great George St., Charlottetown Phones 2680 - 1447. RANDOLPH W. MANNING, C.A. ERMA F. MACPHERSON, C.A. KEVIN J. MCKENNA, C.A. Other offices at Halifax, Moncton, St. John's, Amherst, Dartmouth, Kentville, Liverpool, New Glasgow and Truro. McDONALD, CURRIE & CO. CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS Montreal, Quebec, Ottawa, Toronto, Saint John, Sherbrooke, Vancouver, Kirkland Lake, Moncton, Hamilton, Edmonton, Charlottetown. Currie Bldg., Charlottetown. Telephone 188.