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Important Building Projects

With the new Charlottetown High School and T. Eaton Company store building contracts let, and the promise of work being started before midyear on the new Charlottetown Federal Building, the prospects for employment locally are exceptionally good for the coming season. In connection with the latter project, it is interesting to note that the new Minister of Public Works, Hon. R. H. Winters, has changed the policy of his Department, and is listing no works in his estimates which will not be undertaken during the year.

A great many of the items in the Public Works Department estimates in recent years have been marked "revote", meaning that since the money was not spent in the period for which it was voted, Parliament had to vote it again for the following year. This has been the case with the initial expenditure for our Charlottetown Federal Building, which has appeared annually like Banquo's ghost in the parliamentary estimates, without materializing. Mr. Winters intends not to list any public works projects which are to be submitted to Parliament unless he is satisfied that the work can be done within the twelve month period. This year no project has been included in the \$151 million total for the coming year unless there is a fair prospect of doing it within the specified time. According to the Ottawa correspondent of the Financial Post, the Minister has personally examined each item with the idea of ensuring that it conforms to this new rule. If he has been successful, the result should be that the \$151 represents the sum which will actually be spent.

Also of interest provincially as well as nationally is the fact that the Federal contribution toward constructing of the Trans-Canada Highway is put at \$20 millions for the coming year, against \$15 millions in the present fiscal year. Mr. Winters has written to all the participating provincial governments urging them to speed up construction this year, and reminding them that the Federal legislation covering the grants expires in December, 1956.

Improvement In Scouting

Placing the number of Canadian Cubs, Scouts, Rovers and leaders at more than 157,000, Mr. R. C. Stevenson, vice-president of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association, on his return from a coast-to-coast tour, forecasts a "record year of progress" for 1954. Furthermore, he declares: "From my observations, I am convinced that the quality of Scouting in Canada has improved, due largely to the training courses for leaders."

The record of the Boy Scout movement, says the Montreal Gazette, has been such as to indicate the wise selection and good training of leaders over a considerable period of time. If improvement is being made in a situation already so impressive, it is highly to the credit of the movement and an excellent augury for the future.

Doubtless the status of Canadian Scouting was a consideration in the choice of Canada as the country in which to hold the World Jamboree in 1955. Preparations for receiving and entertaining 15,000 visiting Scouts from 50 countries are now being made. Such a visit cannot but have a beneficial impact upon the youth of this land outside the Scout movement, as well as within it.

Atom Powered Sub

The proposed launching this week of the world's first submarine powered by a steam turbine utilizing atomic power marks a profound change in world naval strategy. The U. S. Nautilus, as it will be known, will have a remarkably high underwater speed, something in the vicinity of 30 knots, and will be built to sustain pressures far in excess of any that previously built submarines could withstand.

Its outstanding feature, however, will be its cruising range, limited practically only by the endurance of its crew. Nowhere on the seven seas will be immune to submarine attack in future, and attack by every imaginable weapon, for it will be able to surface and launch directed and self-propelled projectiles as well as target-seeking torpedoes and mines of every description.

The destructive potential of such a craft is phenomenal, but there are, it may be added several drawbacks. First is cost. The

Atomic submarine will be a prime target for enemy operations. Costing something like \$55,000,000, it cannot profitably be risked in minor operations and, indeed, might be hard put to find targets more valuable than itself.

Another difficulty is that in spite of having a very high speed for an under-water craft, it will inevitably be slow indeed compared with aircraft. Its air-borne enemies will not be able as in conventional anti-submarine operations to cut its endurance by forcing it to remain submerged, but there will be every inducement to improve the technique of direct attack from the air.

The immediate result of the new development, therefore, will be to greatly increase the importance of maritime operations by the air forces of the world. Canada is particularly interested in the demonstration of the possibilities of the development of undersea warfare because this country has much of the responsibility for anti-submarine work in the Atlantic.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Road authorities are frequently exasperated at the complaints of motorists and others at the lack of salt on the highways, even after it has been generously spread. Ontario proposes to meet the problem by coloring the salt used for the purpose.

Two excellent projects are in operation in Saint John. A civic study group has been organized to study expenditure and alternative forms of government. The other is the Saint John Toastmasters' Club which is devoted to raising the standard of after-dinner speaking.

Cost accounting is of importance to Communist economists as well as to business. In the one case inefficiency places goods out of reach of the consumer and in the other it simply puts a business into bankruptcy.

It is reported that Russia has developed a perennial wheat, harvests from an experimental sowing having been gathered each year now for four years. If otherwise desirable, such a strain would be useful indeed on land that is not readily cultivated in the spring.

In Nova Scotia recently a seven-year-old boy was killed by a passing car when he coasted out of a driveway onto the street. Motorists must constantly keep in mind that they may be faced at any time by a similar situation and that brakes can do little on slippery streets. Parents can do much to see that such emergencies do not arise.

Premier Duplessis in proposing a Provincial Income Tax for Quebec said that elementary justice requires that the Federal Government agree to permit deduction of Provincial tax from Federal Income Tax. Taxpayers will certainly concur but it is by no means sure that they will be supported by Ottawa.

Dictatorships seem to follow a predetermined pattern. Mussolini gained considerable respect for "making the trains run on time" and General Naguib did likewise by cleaning up much of the corruption of Egyptian public life. Both, however, found that it was increasingly necessary to forcibly put down any organization that was a potential threat to their power.

Joseph Rudyard Kipling, English novelist and poet, died this date 1936. Born in Bombay, he was educated at Westward Ho!, North Devonshire, and at the age of 17 became sub-editor in a Lahore paper. His "Departmental Ditties" were published when he was 21 and were followed by "Plain Tales from the Hills", "Soldiers Three", and numerous volumes of tales. He travelled widely and on arrival in England, found himself already famous. Many people consider Kipling's best work to be his "Jungle Book" and other animal stories.

A new link between Canada and Scotland has come into being with the announcement of the affiliation between the Federal Civil Defence College at Arrprior, Canada, and the civil defence school at Taymouth Castle in Perthshire, Scotland, states "News From Scotland". The Canadian civil defence school is situated in McNab Township, a remainder of another link with Scotland. This township was founded by the famous laird of Macnab who emigrated to Canada in 1832 with some of his clansmen in order to escape his creditors. He obtained a grant of 81,000 acres in the Ottawa Valley and set himself up as an autocratic Clan Chief. But he soon got into trouble with the community and the Canadian Government and had to return to Scotland in 1853. The Scottish Arrprior, after which the Canadian town is named, is a small hamlet some miles west of Stirling, not far from Taymouth.

Lest We Neglect



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.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Sir,—I read with interest the annual report of the Department of Public Works published in the press a few days ago. I was pleased to see that so much road improvement had been accomplished this past summer—a second paved road from Borden to Summerside, a long stretch of Trans-Canada Highway paved towards Wood Islands and a record mileage of our more important highways sub-graded and surfaced. Now, Sir, it is well to know that some parts of our Province are reaping the benefits of these improvements in transportation, but I happen to reside on the main highway from Borden to our Capital City: the road that carries more than twice as much, and heavier, traffic than any other highway in our Province, and what did we get out of it? We have a fine paved road from Borden to Bonshaw, then we have three miles passing through Strathroy and Churchill, that is a cloud of dust in summer, and the rest of the year would be impassable, if it were not for the charitable disposition of the people who live along this forgotten piece of road, who turn out at all hours, with horses and tractors to help the bogged-down traveller on his way.

We have a light pavement from Churchill to Cornwall, which is used up to the heavy traffic for two years, but already shows signs of wear, and is liable to break up badly if we have one of our severe winters, and this piece of road is supposed to be closed to loads over 6,000 lbs. for some months of the year.

Late last summer a contract was let for three miles of road on the proposed Trans-Canada section from North River to Charlotte town. This contract was awarded at a low price to a company that evidently did not have the equipment to finish the job in reasonable time, though the section from North River to the bank of the river, a piece of road that cannot be used for two or three years; was finished early in the season, while we had to detour a mile extra, getting into the city via Milton. Over twenty years have passed since paving was first commenced on our Island roads, and the road leading from our ferry terminal to our Capital City is still impassable and in worse condition, due to the heavier traffic since the Trans-Canada Highway was paved to Bonshaw, than it was fifty years ago.

Truly we are a long suffering people. I am, Sir, etc., MOSSBACK.

The Poet's Corner

THE SILENT VOICES

When the dumb Hour, clothed in black Brings the Dreams about my bed, Call me not so often back, Silent Voices of the dead, Toward the lowland ways behind me, And the sunlight that is gone! Call me rather, silent voices, Forward to the starry track Glimmering up the heights beyond me On, and always on! —Lord Tennyson.

STARTED YOUNG

Sir Edward Landseer, great English painter, was sketching cows and horses from life at the age of six.

Ancestor-Tracing In Britain

From the Magazine "Coming Events in Britain."

Ancestor-tracing is a fascinating occupation for many visitors to Britain, and the task is rendered comparatively easy for beginners by a particular part of the country. To take two obvious examples, if your name begins with "Tre" or "Mac", it is reasonably certain that your family originated in Cornwall or Scotland respectively; and there are many other instances of these "regional" names.

According to the Psalmist, some of the newly-judged gentry of ancient Israel called their lands by their own name. In the case of ancient English county families, with one particular class excepted, their surnames are usually derived from the places they have inhabited for centuries.

Thus Trafford, Hoghton, Formby, Medlicott, Okrover, Carminow, Tregar, Cholmondeley, Pusey, are all places which have given a name as well as a habitation to a well-known family but not vice versa. Consequently, an appreciation of geographical knowledge is an immense advantage in genealogical research. There are over 20 places in England called Clifton and before any Mr. Clifton claims kinship with the famous families of the Cliftons of Clifton (Nottinghamshire) or the Cliftons of Lytham (Lancashire) he should first ascertain the county from which his particular line originated. Thus localized, his researches will stand all the greater chance of success.

The exception to the rule that a family has derived its abode, instead of bestowing it upon a name, is found in the many instances, particularly in the West Country of England, where a place has a double name.

Thus, in Devonshire and Somerset, we have Combe Martin (the original seat of the ancient Martin family, descended from Martin de Tours, a Norman baron), Colyton Ralph, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Sampson, Beverell, Stockleigh, Cemeroy, Berry, Pomroy (the Pomeroys were great Norman lords, who held many manors in Devon), Upton Pyne, Shepton Mallet, Noruton Fitzwarren, and Hatch Beau champ.

In these instances, the second name is that of one of the Norman or French invaders who came to this country from 1066 to 1154. The Malets, for example, were an ancient Norman family which had secured English holdings when Edward the Confessor was on the throne.

Time has now mellowed the original harshness by which the old lord strove to drive out the old English name with his continental patronymic, and today place names which formerly signified harsh tyranny now seem part of the essence of England.

This perpetual reminder on our maps of the union of English and Norman is not confined to western England. Stoke Mandeville, in Buckinghamshire, recalls the greatness and the ruin of a once mighty family, Stanzeed Mountfichet and Standford Rivers, in Essex, do the same. The value of understanding this is that anyone whose surname is thus linked with a place can be virtually certain that his first ancestor in England came from overseas, and that the original English home of his family is to be found in that particular district.

In some parts of Britain the surname is of little help in leading the searcher to the geographical source of his family. This is particularly so in Wales, where such common surnames as Jones, Phillips, Morgan, and Evans were acquired at a comparatively late date by distinguished families stemming from Tudor Treve, Colwyn ap Iwan, Aron ap Rees or some other ancestor who perhaps bore no fixed surname. But in the north of Scotland, the position is different. It is quite useless to pursue Scottish genealogical research without a clear understanding of clans and their hab-

itat. Most good books on clan tartans carry maps showing how the Highlands were divided among the clans. The MacLeod territory is in Skye and Ramsay; that of the Macdonalds (Lords of the Isles) in Islay and Kintyre. One finds Campbells in Argyllshire; Macphersons and Macintoshes in Invernesshire; and so on.

Once we know the habitat of a clan it would be of little use, up to comparatively recent times, to look for any large settlement of members in another part of Scotland. This would be true in the vast majority of cases up to the period of the Jacobite rising of 1745.

A perennial problem in the Highlands from earlier times had been the pressure on subsistence as clans increased in numbers. Before the seventeenth century this problem had been settled by inter-tribal wars (the last occurred during the reign of James II), and by descents upon the Lowlands in search of booty. The advent to the throne of William III in 1789, and later of the Hanoverian kings, and suppression of the 1715 Rising, tended to bring these raids to an end; and the failure of the '45 completed the process. The Highlands could no longer support their old population and many impoverished clansmen had to immigrate to Canada.

It is thus from a period of 200 years ago that the dispersion of clansmen is to be dated. Anyone, therefore, who can show five or six generations of (for example) MacLeod, Macdougall or Macfarlane ancestry, will know that the search for earlier generations must concern itself with a particular part of Scotland. It is no use looking for Farquhars in Sutherland or Murrays in Aberdeenshire 200 years ago; the era of movement from their original clan territories had not yet set in.

It must, of course, be understood that the descent of a complete clan from its namefounder (e.g., the original parson's son who first bore the name Macpherson) is as unlikely as that of all Jews from Father Abraham. People came into a clan from various sources for protection. Only the MacGregors are reasonably sure of blood identity, at least in the last three centuries. For nearly 200 years (from 1602) MacGregors were nameless men, outside the law. When the ban was lifted only those who were genuine MacGregors would have come forward to claim the ancient name.

There are several institutions and societies in Britain which will prove useful in the work of ancestor-tracing. These include Somerset House, the Public Record Office, and the Society of Genealogists (London); the Scots Ancestry Research Council (Edinburgh); and the National Library of Wales (Aberystwyth).

AIDS ATHLETES

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Notes By The Way

"In Raleigh, North Carolina, a city of 65,000, there hasn't been a traffic fatality in almost 13 months—not one during all of 1953. That is an achievement more to be proud of than great wealth in a community, or soaring industry, or beautiful buildings." — Ottawa Journal.

Did your eye catch that news item from Sheffield, Eng., about the lucky milkman? Although he had just received news he had won about a quarter of a million dollars in a once-a-week drawing of delivery of his milk as usual. Then he made a second trip to each of his 240 customers and left a gift of a chicken. There cannot be much the matter with a man who shows such a desire to share his good fortune. — From Fort Williams Times-Journal.

There is a growing and widespread habit of treating words sloppily and almost with contempt, as if the choice did not matter. We talk of "freedom" which has or should have a noble significance, when we mean licence to do anything we like. "Discipline" is written off as an out-moded barracks routine, when it should confirm the need of directing our lives toward the fullest possible richness through restraint. "Beauty" is often taken to be an obsession of the effete, though it was truly said that "beauty is part of the unaltered language by which goodness speaks." — Hamilton Spectator.

It may be true that figures make dull reading. But when the figures are capable of being invested with life they should be read with imagination and understanding. A good case in point is provided by the figures issued periodically by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In themselves nothing more than a catalogue of digits under various heads, they reveal when read with imagination, the lusty and growing life of this country. To read that the population of Canada has passed the fifteen million mark means little in terms of mere numbers. But to compare the 1952 population of fifteen million with the 1931 total of less than ten and a half million, or with the 1901 population of five and a half million—that at once gives a picture of a growing Canada which in half a century has almost trebled its population. — Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

The people have come into his own. Not an actress but tucks him under her arm when the photographer calls, not a pet-shop but puts him in the window to squirm with wistful cunning at the passers-by. Debutantes borrow him for the season, mannequins for the afternoon; Sir Winston Churchill himself does not disdain so frivolous a companion. Tougher-looking than his shaven ancestors of a few years ago, he no longer shivers hideously or sports a red waist-coat on winter mornings. With his hair trimmed only a little out of its natural exuberance, if his owner is wearing an astrakhan coat the pair of them look much of a mien, rather like those pictures in the glossy magazines of mother and daughter dressed alike. — From London Times.

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The Age Old Story

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