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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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"Abegweit" in The Limelight

"She might look like a Luxury Liner and steer like a Yacht but She's the Toughest Boat Afloat," is the arresting heading of a feature article in the latest issue of Maclean's Magazine. The article, by David MacDonald, is all about our seven million dollar car ferry "Abegweit".

The writer does not make the mistake committed in an official Government announcement some time ago, of referring to the "Abegweit" as being owned by the Canadian National Railway.

While the article serves as good publicity for the "Abegweit" and to some extent for the Island, it leaves the unfortunate impression that our transportation requirements, present and future, are now fully met. It takes no account of the growing demands for increase accommodation, especially for truck traffic to and from the mainland, which have taken place in the past few years.

This is what we are still pressing for at Ottawa. The Royal Commission on Transportation found that our claims in this respect were justly grounded, and that more adequate ferry service should be provided.

Streamlining Parliament

The subject of "streamlining" the House of Commons so that the sessional agenda will be cleared with business-like dispatch has again been engaging attention.

The estimate of cost of an average sitting of the Commons is given by Mr. Jefferies as \$40,000 of the public funds, which works out at about \$6,500 an hour or \$108 per minute.

By way of contrast a similar debate in the British House of Commons is limited to a few days through agreement between the Government and the Opposition.

Speech serves little purpose, it is different with that on the budget. The latter is important, because it deals with taxation and other business that affects everybody, and a lengthy discussion is fully justifiable.

From among the many other possible ways for saving time which have been discussed in the past, Mr. Jefferies envisions the possibility of some being put into effect this session.

Fine Family Tradition

The late Mr. A. E. Duchemin came of a family long associated with the industrial life of Charlottetown and this Province. The firm of A. Duchemin and Company, of which he was the junior partner, was founded by his grandfather, Mr. Watson Duchemin, to whose inventive genius frequent references have appeared in our "Old Charlottetown" column.

Among other things, Mr. Watson Duchemin was inventor of the ball-bearing principle which plays such an important part in mechanization of all kinds today. He was also the inventor of the Compartment Egg Case, now adapted to countless uses for the carriage of glass and fragile goods, and Duchemin's Patent Bait Mill, which is still in use in the fisheries of many countries.

The late Mr. A. E. Duchemin and his brother, Mr. A. C. Duchemin, carried on the family tradition of skilled craftsmanship, and many apprentices passed through their hands who subsequently became master workers in their own right.

EDITORIAL NOTES

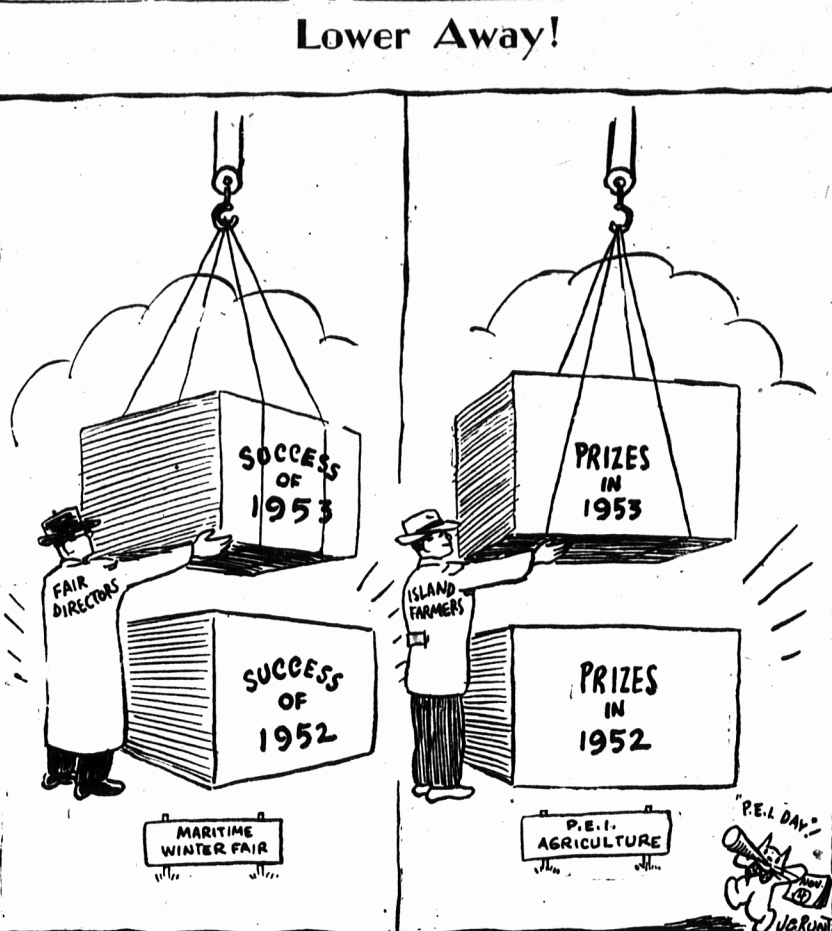
Summerside was the first community in this Province to have the dial telephone system in operation and the Island Telephone Company is still taking steps to keep the Prince County capital well out in front in the matter of modern telephone communications.

Because Monday saw the opening of Parliament at Westminster, commencement of the Canadian buslines case before the Privy Council was postponed until Wednesday.

What is claimed, to be the first apartment house with a roof especially planned for helicopters to take off and land under the best possible conditions is under construction in Paris.

Jakob Ludwig Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, German composer, died this date 1847. He enjoyed the greatest advantages of wealth, culture and brilliant social connections which, together with a remarkable capacity for work and undoubted genius, brought him early success.

Liquor profits to the various Provinces as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for the year ending last March 31st were as follows: Newfoundland, \$1,745,000; Prince Edward Island, \$865,000; Nova Scotia, \$8,770,000; New Brunswick, \$6,368,000; Quebec, \$21,500,000; Ontario, \$30,580,000; Manitoba, \$6,350,000; Saskatchewan, \$9,950,000; Alberta, \$13,360,000; and British Columbia, \$21,805,000.



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.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

Sir,—Who dares to be different? Where are the colourful people who can make the day's news bright with their unabashed straightforwardness? How many will defy convention even to wear what they please? They become fewer and fewer.

Whatever the system of discipline I hope our schools strongly encourage the child to think for himself, and equally important, to have the courage of his convictions.

I am, Sir, etc. "GASTRIC"

The Poet's Corner

WANDERLUST

Awake, arise and come away! To the wild woods and the plains, To the pools where winter rains Image all their roof of leaves. Where the pine its garland weaves Of sapless green, and ivy dun, Round stems that never kiss the sun.

—Percy Bysshe Shelly

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

NEWSPAPER ITEMS

From The Examiner, Dec. 8, 1875: It is now asserted, on good authority, that there is no truth in the report that the "Northern Light" is to be sent to Cape Traverse.

At the opening of the County Court at Alberton, Judge Thomas Kelly was presented with an address, welcoming him on his first visit to the first Circuit of the County Court for Prince County, and expressing pleasure with the choice the Dominion Government made in selecting a gentleman so well known to all as successor to the late lamented Judge Pope.

We are pleased to note that the Department at Ottawa has decided upon opening a Post Office at Byrnes Road, King's County. No part of the Island has shown more prosperity within the last number of years than the settlement to the rear of Mossell; well-farmed farms, snug, well-kept dwellings along with other unmistakable evidences of thrift of the owners are to be seen on every hand. Such neigh-

The Korea Conference

By W. N. Ewer, U. K. Information Office

Among the stranger features of diplomacy today are the need for conferences and the difficulty of arranging them.

They are necessary because the only means of negotiation between Communist powers and other powers appear to be either the formal conference of the protracted and long-range exchange of formal notes. The United Nations has become rather a forum for public debate than an opportunity for discussion and settlement and co-operation.

And there is a further difficulty. Without diplomatic procedure, the very business of holding a conference becomes a major problem. Questions of date and place and agenda become the subject of public controversy. It has been so in the case of the proposal for a Four Power Conference on Germany and Austria. It has been so in the case of the Korea Political Conference "recommended" in the Armistice Agreement of this one of the worst consequences is that the holding of a conference comes, inevitably, to be thought of as an end in itself. The graver and more important questions with which it will have to deal come to be overlooked, or at the least, to be given insufficient thought.

Earlier this year Mr. Eden made an attempt to put Anglo-Soviet diplomatic relations again on a normal and useful basis. Sir Alvaire Gascoigne tried to discuss, in the traditional manner, a number of specifically Anglo-Soviet questions of comparatively minor importance with the Soviet Foreign Office. Despite some small concessions Russia gave no real encouragement. In Anglo-Chinese relations, the record is even stranger and even more discouraging. In 1951, after recognizing the Chinese Communist Government, the British Government sent a Charge d'Affaires to Peking, as a first step to establishing full diplomatic relations and exchanging ambassadors. But the Peking Government has prevented any further step and has not even sent a Charge d'Affaires to London.

It is this break-down of the normal machinery of diplomacy which drives us to the conference as the only available method of discussing "problems of common interest". It is not a good method. It has many disadvantages. Conferences take place under a spotlight of public attention. Time is

borhoods deserve their full share of postal accommodation. People have been grumbling of late that they had no place of amusement to go to. To those we would say, go to St. Paul's School-room on Thursday evening, and hear the orchestral club concert.

But though Russia was a party to the 1945 declaration, will the Communist Governments be likely to agree to any such procedure? The German parallel is not a hopeful one. And in the case of Korea, as in the case of Germany, the Communists are perfectly well aware that anything in the nature of free elections would mean the end of all Communist control and of nearly all Communist influence. Can we in any case anticipate that, after all the intense hatreds

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AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

Notes By The Way

"Emotional upsets are good for you." So is water if you don't let it get over your head.—Brandon Sun.

Note to hunters: Rifles of 23 calibre are dangerous up to a mile; 30-30s to two miles and 30-60s to three miles.—Ottawa Journal.

India has one motor car for every 1,200 people and Canada one for every five. Also we have more motor accidents.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

A sociologist says the wife should have half of the family income, but offers no suggestion as to how she might be persuaded to settle for that.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

The Shipment of a cargo of soybeans from Port Stanley is the opening of a new chapter in an old story. A century ago there were long lines of wagons drawing wheat to Port Stanley. But it is now three-quarters of a century since the last grain cargo was shipped. Now water rates have made possible a revival of the old grain trade.

One of the obstacles to the unity of the free world, according to Sidney Colin, a London picture, is the lack of a standardized method of eating. You can't have one half of the world eating with the fork in the left hand and the other half using the right hand, he says. He urges Americans to quit switching forks from left to right after carving meat. Moreover, says Colin, Americans in Europe fray the tempers of waiters because they don't give the signal when they are finished with a plate of food. Britons and Europeans in general place the knife and fork together at the side of the

plate when through. American carelessly leave the knife and fork crossed, even after they have eaten all they want. How is the harassed waiter to know?—New York Herald Tribune.

A beautiful example of the spirit of nationalized industry where the customer is always wrong, is reported from Britain. It happened in the lunch-room of Paddington Station, which like everything else connected with the British railway system is now operated by the Government. For many years waiters were one of the specialties of the place. Then one day they were taken off the menu. A regular customer demanded the reason for their deletion. Replied the waitress: "Too many people wanted them."—Edmonton Journal.

Irish moss has been a veritable bonanza to the people living on some of our coasts, and it continues to be an important source of additional income for many of our hard-pressed fishermen and their families. It is like manna from Heaven because it is washed up on the shores by the action of nature and all the people have to do is to gather it. It can also be raked off the sea bottom if the proper equipment is available. It might be well for our people to study what is being done elsewhere and then to see if it might not be possible to have a plant of some type established in the Province that would develop the product to a greater degree than is being done at present. This would give employment and our people would receive greater revenue from this valuable industry. It is always preferable to export a finished product rather than the raw material.—Summerside Journal-Pioneer.

"Before you argue with me," Voltaire once said to a friend, "define your terms." Tossing words around with little respect for their place and their meaning at once reveals lazy thinking. Big words, flowery words, are usually bluff. "Sincere words," said Lao-Tse, "are not grand." Nor are expressive words. Some of the finest prose ever written has been simple in the extreme; what could be more eloquent than the parables of the New Testament. The great poets have worked on their verse like sculptors, ever changing, improving, perfecting, until the masterpiece was there. A literary critic called this the triumph of knowledge about the conveying of the conference itself.

The Age Old Story

God is the Lord, which hath shewed us light . . . O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

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