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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew" "The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

CHARLOTTETOWN, MONDAY, MAY 18, 1953 The Queens' Birthday

By taking certain liberties with the calendar Canadians today celebrate the birthdays of Her Majesty the Queen and also that of a former great queen, Victoria. There may be some qualms felt about such tampering but it is not unlikely that the calendar will receive a much ruder shock in the near future.

Canadians set great store by the Fathers of Confederation but do not forget that it was the Great White Queen, as our Red Indian countrymen called her, under whose reign Responsible Government came to the colonies which later formed this Dominion.

The reign of Queen Victoria, in short, saw the foundations well and truly laid for Canada to grow into a strong and well-governed nation, taking an even greater part in the affairs of the British Empire.

It is very largely the concept of free yet closely-linked peoples fostered by the Commonwealth and Empire that is the inspiration of such developments as the United Nations and the Atlantic Pact.

That danger seems now to be past. The Commonwealth, Empire and associated nations hail Queen Elizabeth as Queen and Head of the Commonwealth and at the same time even larger associations of free peoples are steadily gaining ground.

Timely Reflections

Some good thoughts for Victoria Day were expressed in a recent address by Dr. Sidney Smith, President of the University of Toronto, in addressing the Royal Empire Club at Montreal. In this year of grace 1953, he pointed out, the epithet "colonial", as applied to Canada, is as dead as the dodo, and that is true for both sides of the Atlantic.

Looking into the future, Dr. Smith suggested that while the details cannot be discerned it is possible to visualize in its broad outlines the world that can come into being if we are willing to do our share in making it. "We know better," he said, "than to postulate Utopia. We need not think of a Huxleian 'brave new world' or a Wellsian nightmare of machinery gone mad.

He predicted that as these goals come closer to attainment, the last vestiges of colonialism will disappear, and the peoples of the world will become more adept at governing themselves. Culturally and economically they will become more productive, thereby enriching themselves and others; world communications, world travel and world trade will expand in a way that we can scarcely imagine.

In the sphere of education Dr. Smith sounded a warning note. "I have heard policies advocated in the name of progress," he said, "which would be appropriate to a nation of future peasants—policies that uphold the immediately practical skills at the expense of the disciplines that train the mind, strengthen the character, and enrich the spirit."

EDITORIAL NOTES

"The Season" officially opens a week early this year with the holiday today rather than the 24th or 25th. Summer resorts, cabins, restaurants and other facilities will be in full use until Labour Day.

It is not often that plane crashes occur in this Province, and yesterday's double fatality from this source has shocked the whole community. The bereaved families will have the sympathy of all our citizens in their tragic loss.

Charlottetown's year-old streets are causing concern to the Street Committee, the contractor and not least to citizens. The contractor is "taking steps to rectify the situation." It is to be hoped that this can be done to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The cost of everything has gone up in recent years, even a drink of water as Summerside is learning at long last. The citizens of the Town may be grateful that the increase was delayed as long as it was.

The regular army is giving up its black tie, but not in favour of stripes or multi-coloured creations. Olive drab, a most uninspiring colour for a cravat, is to replace the present black. Reserve force units and regular rifle battalions will not make the change.

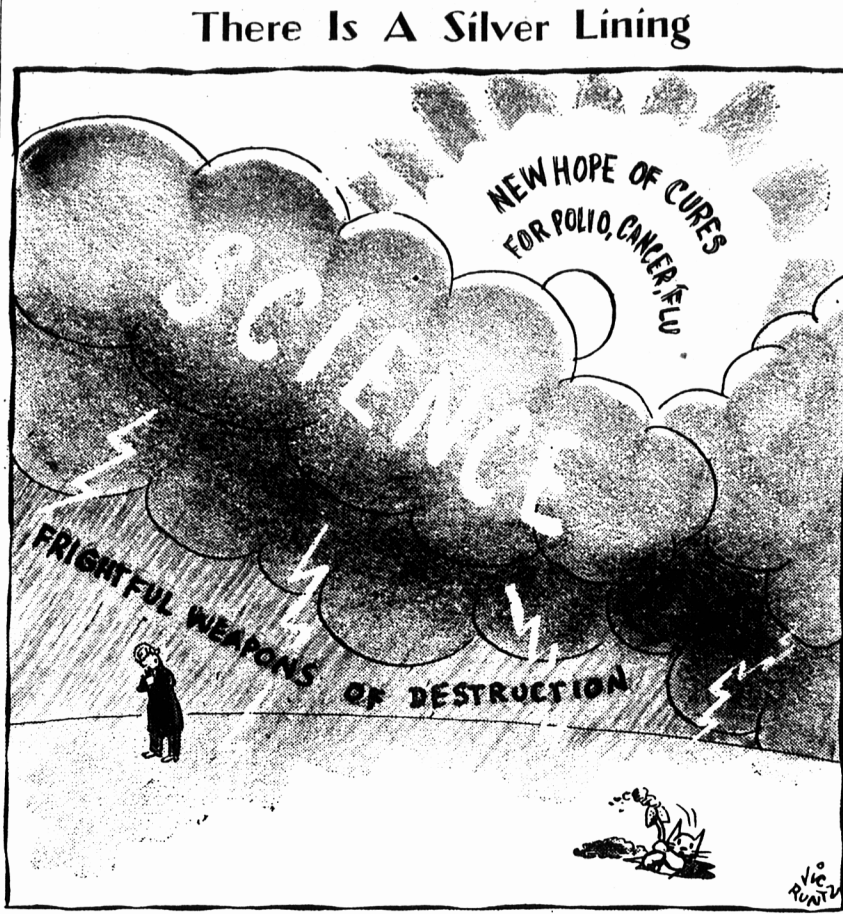
Halifax is experiencing the disadvantages of unplanned civic expansion on a major scale. Since 1939 about 7,000 families have moved into the city, but only 2,000 new homes have been built while 300 have been demolished. It is estimated that it will require 5,400 more dwellings to relieve the housing shortage entirely.

Full use will be made of the opportunity of having Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London. Two days after the Coronation the Commonwealth Prime Ministers will begin a series of meetings at No. 10 Downing Street, which are expected to last about a week. Sir Winston Churchill will preside.

Many Canadians will recognize the Commanding Officer of the Royal Naval Reserve contingent at the Coronation. The captain of the Empress of Australia, Capt. John Peter Dobson, 52, has been chosen to lead R.N.R. personnel in the Coronation procession on June 2. Capt. Dobson has been sailing between Britain and Canada on Canadian Pacific ships since 1919.

Insurance does not prevent loss but merely divides it amongst a larger number of people. The proposed government insurance scheme for fishing vessels will result in disappointment for those who think that the cost of lost gear and vessels will be eliminated. The annually expected losses must be met but individual disaster can be shared by the many.

Bertrand Arthur William, 3rd Earl Russell, British philosopher and mathematician, was born this date 1872. He succeeded his brother as earl in 1931 but has never used the title. He was imprisoned for a pacifist article in 1915 and constantly arouses indignant criticism by his original and independent thought, which is invariably expressed in a fine literary style.



Old Charlottetown

(And F. E. L.)

GURNEY'S FULLING MILL

"In our last, we observed that Mr. Gurney's Fulling and Dyeing Mill, in the vicinity of Charlottetown, had been put in operation; we have since visited the establishment and witnessed the fulling and dyeing processes, which were in effective progress.

"While writing of the dyeing department, it is satisfactory to observe that the quality of the water has been tried, and found propitious to the fixing of scarlet and other difficult colours. Several pieces of homespun cloth, after they came from the fulling mill, have been submitted to competent judges, who have expressed themselves satisfied with their appearance, and compliment Mr. Gurney on the success of his undertaking.

"The last process is the pressing of the cloth. A most powerful screw, 6 inches in diameter, with the necessary glazed wrappers, is in readiness to give the cloth the finish which, if the weather does not prevent, it is expected will be ready early in next month, at which time we confidently hope to have the satisfaction of seeing a substantial garment turned out of hand, legitimately of Island manufacture.

—Colonial Herald, Dec. 17, 1842.

The Age Old Story

Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts. . . . The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him. . . . Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance; feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

COSTLY MINNOWS

QUEBEC, (CP)—One upset minnow pail could cost taxpayers a lot of money, the Quebec biological bureau warned as the fishing season opens. Minnows let loose by anglers grow up into various types of fish that crowd more valuable sport fish out of many lakes.

"By Appointment To The Queen"

(By H. Taste)

LONDON — A few days ago, the London Gazette contained a new list of traders to be styled "By Appointment." It may be surprising to many, that among the odd 1130 firms and individual persons who are entitled to display the coat-of-arms of a member of the royal family, there is none who can claim a coat-of-arms for the patent "By Appointment to the Queen."

The reason for the extraordinary caution exercised in the granting of the patent "By Appointment," is that every merchant and every firm applying for this patent must have been a satisfactory purveyor to the royal family for three years. It thus becomes clear that the first patents "By Appointment" cannot be granted prior to 1955.

The Association of Purveyors to the Court was founded in 1840, and this body sees to it that no violations of these rules occur. In the event of a firm being caught misusing a royal coat-of-arms that firm is liable to a fine of £20 and foregoes for all time the right to be granted the patent "By Appointment."

It is also surprising that Her Majesty, the late Queen Mary, has granted this title more than any one else. She heads the list with 182 patents during her life time. The most generous one, however, in granting patents was the present Duke of Windsor who favoured a particularly large number. He "appointed," for instance, one Chinese silver-smith, one Indian silk merchant and one Maltese cigarette manufacturer. There is also on his list a cutting office and a ju-jitsu expert.

One of the most amusing stories in this connection happened during the reign of King George V. He granted the patent "By Appointment" to a nursery-garden, and this concern added to the craved-for words "By Appointment" the letters D. G. No one knew their meaning. At last, the Association of Purveyors to the Court found out that an official of the Royal Household had added to the document the words the King had uttered when signing it. These had been "Damn Good!"

The Poet's Corner

THE FATE OF FISH

A million fishes' eyes in schools. Or solitary pairs in pools. Throughout their life of sudden flight, Must bear the curse of endless sight.

Fish must stare from watergrasses. While season after season passes. And watch their silent shadow-gram Drift over pastures of the clam.

Though sick and worn from frantic flight Down sunny waters, or streams of night. No fish's eyes may ever close In the blessing of repose.

Fish must stare throughout their days In a bright, unblinked gaze; For fish can never close their eyes In death, in wonder, or surprise.

—Brodie Herndon, in The Lyric.

Wisconsin ranks first among the states of the U.S. in production of beans and green peas.

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WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE That MR. W. A. ACORN, M. L. A. well known Souris business man has joined our sales force. Mr. Acorn will be directly interested in the sale of farm equipment, motor trucks, household refrigerators, freezers, Vanguard and Hudson automobiles. Mr. Acorn, in his new position, will be pleased to welcome his many friends and acquaintances and looks forward to a continuation of the association built up during past years. W. R. JENKINS 208 Gt. George St.

Notes By The Way

The most puzzled people in Canada today are the Communists. They do not know what line to follow on Moscow's new peace policy.—Oshawa Times-Gazette.

A television actor named Muggs, we learn from the AP, received a fan letter recently from a little girl. She wanted a baby sister who "looks just like you." The child's parents have reserved comment. Muggs is a baby chimpanzee.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

There are disturbing implications about these unexplained airplane crashes. There have been a whole series of them, it will be remembered, in the past year that somehow leave everyone unsatisfied about the circumstances of their occurrence. A high percentage of the crashed aircraft were carrying U. S. soldiers either returning from Korea or moving up to embarkation depots. Sabotage was, in fact, the cause of a similar pattern of accidents that had been occurring to British shipping, as was proven by British experts investigating the causes.—Vancouver Province.

On hearing the name of a Fort William man mentioned, another resident of the city asked what this man looked like. He was told. Whereupon, he looked up his telephone number and called him. When his party came on the line, the caller started out by asking a question. "Did you ever get your clothes back?" he queried. There was a moment or two of silence at the other end. Then "Say, you're not —?" "I sure am." "What are you doing in Fort William. I live here. For several years I've lived here." Later came the explanation of the odd conversation.

Neither of the men had seen the other for 30 years, since the day when they were mere kids and decided to run away from their homes. They had been caught, and the father of the other had taken away his clothes for a day or so until his ardor for adventure cooled out.—Fort William Times-Journal.

Australia's rabbit infestation is well known. Less than 100 years ago twelve pairs of rabbits were let loose, and soon after they owned the country. There are thought to be a billion of them. The number isn't growing any more, because the saturation point has been reached. They eat the grass that a hundred million sheep or ten million cattle would eat. They cost the country about a billion dollars a year. Many methods of control have been tried — poison, predators, fences, and so on. A virus imported from Brazil and planted in the rabbit population is now spreading rapidly, and is killing seventy-five, eighty, and as many as ninety-five per cent of the rabbits. Some always escape and replenish the race, but the virus is there to strike down the next generation.—Calgary Alberta.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

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