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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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College Year Begins

Once more Charlottetown has become home for large numbers of Island students as Prince of Wales College opened another academic year.

For many, it is their first experience of being away from home and how they respond will either make or mar them.

What should not happen is any feeling of being alone in a strange place. College sporting and social activity brings with it the opportunity for making life-long friendships.

Spotlight On The Kremlin

As the presidential election in the United States enters its last lap in October, the chances are that the spotlight of public interest which would ordinarily be directed towards the White House may be diverted towards the Kremlin.

No Communist Party Congress has taken place since 1939. The report on developments in the Soviet Union since that time will be given not, as has always been the case in the past, by Stalin, and before him by Lenin, but by Malenkov.

The 50 year old Georgi Malenkov, in the words of The Economist, is "the consummate bureaucrat, the controlling figure in the Orgbureau which has hitherto watched over party cadres, the skilled manipulator of the party machine."

If Malenkov is to become the sole inheritor of Stalin's dictatorial powers—and the fact that he is the sole survivor who has emerged unscathed from the purges which have characterized Soviet politics since the Bolshevik Revolution suggests that such may be the role intended for him—then the likelihood of any change in Kremlin policies is indeed remote.

Recent events behind the Iron Curtain suggest that forces are at work designed to alter substantially the face of the Communist world. The purges of Communist Parties in Eastern Europe, the plans for a great conclave in Peking of "the Partisans of peace", the presence of a Chinese mission in Moscow, and the reshuffle of Soviet diplomats are but the prelude to the 19th Communist Party Congress in October.

Compulsory Retirement Problem

The average age of the Canadian people, the Financial Post reports, is now showing a slight decline. An unusually high birth rate and the entry of young immigrants into the country have combined to arrest, for the moment, the mounting age of our population.

Age is not only a human but an economic problem. For the larger the proportion of old people in a community the

greater cost of maintaining them will be, a cost which must be borne by the active workers. In this connection the Post mentions a remarkable figure: In 1900 there were 10 persons in Britain of pensionable age (65 in the case of men and 60 in the case of women) for every 100 productive workers.

The figures in Canada are much less alarming. In 1941 6.7 per cent of our population was over 65 years of age. Last year the proportion was 7.6 per cent. In terms of average age we are a much younger nation than Britain.

Those Chopsticks

"If the Dean of Canterbury had a sense of humor," says the New Statesman and Nation, "his picture of thousands of Chinese children saving themselves and their country from typhoid by searching the fields for infected insects, and popping them into bottles with chopsticks, would go down in history as the prime examples of ecclesiastical wit."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, 13th Sunday after Trinity.

The latest number of the Journal of Calendar Reform is devoted to providing science teachers with a variety of material for use as background. One of the articles is by Sir H. Spencer-Jones, the Astronomer Royal.

France, with necessary American aid, expects to expand her armed forces by the end of the year to no less than 819,000 men, 12 divisions, 27 air squadrons and a fleet totalling 350,000 tons.

A private organization, the "Men of the Trees", is preparing to set up pilot tree plantations in the Sahara desert to prevent the desert swallowing up more valuable agricultural land.

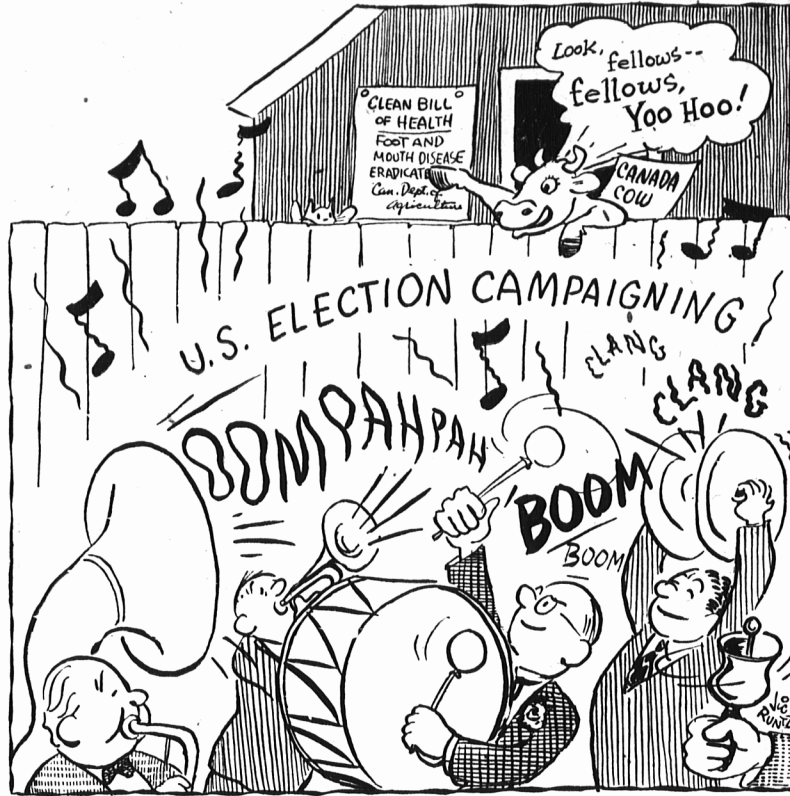
Joffre's decisive attack on von Kluck's exposed flank in the first Battle of the Marne was made this date 1914. The British Expeditionary Force and the French stopped the swinging German advance that was supposed to bring the war to a successful conclusion for German arms.

Alberta's building boom, based on oil borne prosperity, is so varied and so intense, according to the Alberta Newsletter, that the volume of construction under way at any given time cannot be precisely estimated.

The increased scale and complexity of business in Canada has resulted in a remarkable increase in the number of chartered accountants in this country. In 1939 a mere 2,327 chartered accountants were able to serve the needs of business, including the returns required by the Government.

This is an age of which the poet Goethe might say that "belief prevails". An epoch in which there is an upsurge of all that is splendid, heart-elevating, and fruitful. Although much of the rest of the world has had to fight off cynicism to reach this stage, and other parts are deprived by the calculated direction of their leaders, Canada emerges as a youth coming of age among the nations, filled with faith and girded about with everything a young nation could ask.

A Poor Time To Make Oneself Heard



The Poet's Corner

UNCLE TAKES A TRIP

Commemorating the trip to the Pacific Coast on the Overlander Special made by Mr. Alex. Wood, of Mount Tryon, P.E.I. patriarch of the party.

Our Super-Uncle took a ride to see the nation's countryside. The oldest man aboard the train: His fellow travellers would obtain his photo for a souvenir.

To sights and sounds surpassing new This dear man, more than eighty-two,

Reacted with the perfect joy Of being still a little boy. He saw the country and the folks. He ate and slept and told his jokes.

Now Uncle's store of travelling knowledge Is better than a year in Collegel

—Mrs. G. Harris (Mildred) Nashville, Tennessee.

Ontario's Cradle

In an interesting booklet published last year by Mr. J. H. Cranston of Midland, Huronia is described as "the cradle of Ontario's history".

The residents make a brine solution strong enough to float a potato. In this they soak two-pound fish for 24 hours and larger ones for 48 hours. They then place the fish on net trays and expose them to plenty of smoke but not near the fire, which is made of sawdust and green wood.

No further cooking is necessary. Good? The smoked fish is eaten as soon as it emerges from the smoke-house and the fire hardly ever dies down.

Smoked Trout

(Fort William Times-Journal) Residents of Quebec Harbour, a small fishing settlement on Michipicoten Island, have dined heartily for years on what they believe to be one of the province's finest delicacies. Smoked lake trout is their dish and only recently have they made public their long guarded recipe.

The Quebec Harbour "smoke-house" isn't elaborate. It's just a wooden shack lined with tarpaper and with a hole in the roof through which smoke escapes. Wire netting shelves fill the little build-

Notes By The Way

Two hundred pairs of unmatched shoes were snatched from counters and shelves during the opening of a bargain sale at a fire sale in Roanoke, Virginia.

The most needed and commendable step taken municipally this year in Brockville is the creation of a new planning board to function within the confines and for the benefit of this community itself.

Canada has lost one of her best known former public figures in the death of Mr. Henri Bourassa which occurred during the weekend.

A new community and a new post office, serving some residents of Sandwich West and the Ojibway area, have been established by the federal authority.

The charm of the Island is in its peaceful, quiet, restful beauty, because it is different. Just as L. M. Montgomery's books owe their popularity to their clean, simple wholesomeness and quaintness.

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The truth about most accidents in which the car is said to have "gone out of control" is that it was the driver who was out of control. A careful driver, in possession of all his senses, who has got them under control, exercises caution on all kinds of roads and in all sorts of conditions.

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The Public Forum

MORE HOME THOUGHTS FROM ABROAD

Sir, - I am having a postman's holiday this Labor Day at my typewriter, while the other members of my family are enjoying the ideal weather at the beaches. It is at least quiet and peaceful, which I enjoy; almost as restful as Prince Edward Island in this little vale, a little bit of country in the heart of a great city.

A niece's letter and Ellen's Diary inform me that the fields are already white with the harvest in Prince Edward Island, which means summer is on the wane. Sadenning thought where'er one lives, although the autumn is lovely and has its own special brand of beauty.

Our season for harvesting is much earlier here. We took care of ours the end of June, although in rather a different manner. Braham's book, we just burned our field of grain (vacant lots) but fear we made a mistake as the weeds have grown up instead of the usual stubble.

Recently I read a lament in one of The Guardian's columns about the tourist situation, i. e., lack of proper or sufficient advertising, etc. Sir, if you could see some of the beaches in California, overcrowded, dirty, etc., you would be thankful to see the beaches of the Atlantic coast as so much nicer and finer than the Pacific, and I am thinking of Prince Edward Island in particular at the moment.

November is just around the corner, then with the Republicans, (we hope,) in power and "Ike" in the driver's seat, all U. S. A. problems will be taken care of, perhaps even the world's—who knows? Seriously though we agree it is time for Mr. Dewey's long-advocated change in the controversial conventions were the past history, the shouting and tumult had died away, (apologies to Kipling) the delegates and candidates departed, some with buoyant and some with heavy hearts, I could not help but feel, despite the too-long speeches and repetition, the hoarse voices of the men and the shrill of the women, (except the Roosevelt—their calm, self, shouting no recriminations, just giving constructive material in the Roosevelt manner) that this old U. S. A. of ours was a great country. Indications to the contrary, sound at the core.

This is a hodge-podge of a letter but it might prove of interest to some of your readers. Thanks for the past courtesies and the best for The Guardian. I am, Sir, etc. G. S. GORDON, (MRS. D. J.) Oakland, California.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) ISLAND PRIZE OATS "It is always gratifying to know that our resources and productions as a fertile Province of the Dominion are attracting attention abroad. The white oats grown by Thomas Bullman, Esq., of Ruston, took first prize at the Dominion Exhibition (Montreal) and at the Provincial Exhibition of New Brunswick, as well as at our own Provincial Exhibition in October last.

Two bushels of this prize grain were purchased at our Exhibition by Lietu. Col. William McGill, who for many years past has taken a lively interest in the Island, and forwarded to his friends in Dumfries, Scotland, who have reported to the soldiers in the army who have exhibited his white oats at the large agricultural show in Birmingham, England, and also at the Christmas show in Edinburgh, Scotland.

"At the latter place they occupied a prominent position in the show, and the judges, who were eminent Lothian farmers, pronounced them 'an out of a superior quality', and gave them as a prize. At Birmingham, great crowds inspected the white oats at the Christmas show in Edinburgh, Scotland. "These oats are now on exhibition at Dumfries, to show the capabilities of P. E. Island as a grain producing colony, and favorable place of settlement for emigrants from the Old Country. In the spring they will be sown with the view of testing their adaptability to the soil and climate of the 'mother country'." - The Examiner, Feb. 5, 1884.