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Mr. MacLean Honoured

Congratulations are due to Mr. J. Angus MacLean, M.P., on being invited to join a tour of the United States to be made by a dozen parliamentarians from ten NATO countries.

A Conservative publication recently noted that Mr. MacLean is perhaps the only Member of Parliament who belongs to another "exclusive club", membership of which, like Parliament, is only at the price of some travail.

The Seaway

The general view among qualified economists, if one may judge by the statements they have made from time to time, is that the St. Lawrence Seaway will be of much greater service to the United States than to Canada, although this country is paying almost four-fifths of the cost.

Mr. Pearson's Optimism

It is clear that External Affairs Minister Pearson has returned home from his Russian and Asian tour in good spirits and fairly confident that a peaceful settlement of the dispute between Egypt and Israel can be arranged.

help feeling that Mr. Pearson might have acquired an even better picture of the Middle East situation if he had consented to visit Israel as well as Egypt.

One statement made by Mr. Pearson—if he has been quoted correctly—is especially intriguing. "I have not changed my mind on fundamentals," he said, "I have learned a lot".

A Historian's Views

The eminent historian Professor Arnold Toynbee is by no means a confirmed pessimist with respect to the status and future of Western civilization.

Dr. Toynbee appears to believe that the ideological tensions between East and West will never be resolved unless the West can convince the East that Christianity is, in fact, the basis of its way of life.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An expert in child psychology says if a youngster doesn't want to eat his morning porridge, it's quite all right to let him have a ham sandwich. There's one expert, at least, who is not a Scotchman.

Radioactive isotopes are now proposed for use in crime detection. Dr. Charles Sannie, professor of organic chemistry at the National Museum of Natural History, in Paris, has just published a suggestion in the annual report of the Smithsonian Institution that would aid in the detection of arsenic poisoning.

An important land reclamation scheme is to be carried out in Japan on the lines of the famous Zuider Zee project. The whole area of Ariake Bay, near Nagasaki, will be blocked off by a dike six miles long and the sea water will then be pumped out, leaving canals for the rivers that flow into the bay.



TWO APPROACHES

Prairie Conservation Project

By Don Peacock Canadian Press Staff

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

MR. PARKER'S ADDRESS

Sir,—All thoughtful citizens, concerned with the educational program in our Province, must feel indebted to your paper for the more than generous space allocated to the address which I gave at the semi-annual meeting of the Provincial Home and School.

However, in the present situation, I do wish that the editorial space allocated to certain aspects of my talk had been devoted to the substance and not to the trivia. The fact still remains that too many academically educated critics of the public school effort have not a scientific knowledge of the research information which has accumulated regarding the learning processes during the last fifty years.

Could you not in the near future, editorialize on the following questions which seem pertinent to our Island education problems at the present time?

- 1. Does the evidence indicate that there is gross inequality of educational opportunity for many of our children in rural and village areas?
2. Is the shortage of qualified teachers a real menace to the future development of our province?
3. Is the crux of our problem indicated by the fact that three-quarters of our Island schools are one-room schools with the teaching conditions pertaining?
4. Is there any other practical solution available for immediate consideration than of composite schools for Grades 7 to 10 and the development of the larger administrative unit?
Again thanking you for the invaluable leadership your paper is giving to this Province.
I am Sir, etc.,
K. A. PARKER, Superintendent

Board of School Trustees of Charlottetown.

(The points underlined by Mr. Parker are all very important, and his complimentary references much appreciated. But we cannot agree with him in dismissing as "trivia" the parts of his address dealing with criticism of our educational standards. Surely it is as important to know where we are going educationally as it is a find contented guides and equipment for the journey. There may indeed be the real "crux of the problem" which we have buried under so much technical jargon.—Ed.G.)

Tagging Butterflies

(Stratford Beacon-Herald) A project that must come under the heading of pure research is being carried out by the Royal Ontario Museum. The museum has been tagging butterflies, in the manner that birds are tagged.

It is well-known that these insects fly South in the Winter, but little is understood of their routes or the distances they travel. Some go only a few hundred miles, others a couple of thousand. They are known to cross oceans on occasion.

This is a difficult riddle of Nature as a contemporary comments. Even the migration of birds is scarcely a greater marvel. Of course, it is even harder to get accurate information on insect flights than it is to check on avian migrations.

A vast conservation project that one day might mean the difference between drink and drought over much of the Prairies has reached the operational stage. It took eight years. It cost \$6,300,000 in federal funds for construction of about 1,000 miles of roads and trails through some of the highest, most rugged—and, incidentally, most beautiful—terrain in the country.

IMPORTANT WATERSHED

Board chairman Maj.-Gen. Howard Kennedy said in an interview that virtually the whole Prairie population depends on the Rockies eastern watershed water from which is delivered to towns and cities across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba by the Saskatchewan river and its many tributaries.

Other sources of water in the area, Gen. Kennedy said, are chiefly stationary; that is, water collected in low spots from melting snow and rain.

In some areas yearly precipitation rarely is more than 12 inches, which he said is close to desert conditions. In the Rocky mountains forest reserve, however, precipitation may average 30 inches annually, with some sections yielding up to 60.

At present, snow and glaciers high on the mountain slopes are the practical guarantee for the Saskatchewan's summer flow. But the glaciers grow smaller every year. One day they may be gone. It was with an eye to that day that Alberta and the federal government in 1947 set up the joint board to administer watershed management in the forest reserve.

FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION

Main role of the federal government was to finance building of range stations and communications throughout the area. This part of the project was officially concluded on March 31. A few tag ends in graveling roads and so on were cleaned up this summer.

Alberta now is responsible for maintenance through the remainder of the board's 25-year life. But the autonomous board with one federal and two provincial representatives, remains the administrative body.

The board considers fire its greatest enemy. In a recent pamphlet on its work, the board said of fire: "It not only kills the trees but it destroys the humus layer on the forest floor. This layer is composed of a mat of leaves, twigs, moss and other vegetation."

"This layer can store several times its own weight of water, but it plays a more important function in protecting the mineral soil below from the impact of raindrops and the clogging of soil pores."

feeder which rises on the north-eastern reaches of Jasper National Park. FINE TRUNK ROAD Backbone of the system is a two-lane gravelled trunk road running 27 1/2 miles north from Coleman, in the Crown's pass of southwestern Alberta, to Nordegg, in the valley of the North Saskatchewan east of Jasper. The southern section of this road, from Coleman to the Kannaskis forest experimental farm on the Calgary-Banff highway about 50 miles from Calgary, was first opened three years ago; the remainder in September.

The project has opened up to motor traffic a Rocky mountain region rich in fish and game that once was accessible to only the strong-legged hiker or the packhorse.

Gen. Kennedy described the scenery along the trunk road as superb. At one point near the Kannaskis lakes, some 60 miles southwest of Calgary, the road climbs to an altitude of 7,300 feet, believed the highest for any engineering highway in Canada. The Trans-Canada Highway reaches about 5,000 feet at the Great Divide on the Alberta-British Columbia boundary.

The road is open to public travel all summer except for periods of high forest fire hazard. All travellers must register with rangers at its entrances and exits.

"If a fire starts we want to know who started it," he said. "Then we are absolutely merciless. There were no serious fires in the reserve area this year, he said, and damage was negligible."

TOURIST SHELTERS

Nineteen shelters have been built at good fishing and viewing spots along the road where travellers may cook a meal or camp out. There are no coffee shops, hotels, service stations or any other form of urban civilization except ranger posts along the way.

Gen. Kennedy said traffic has risen as high as 40 cars an hour during summer weekends. Oil companies use the road to carry out seismic surveys. Prospectors bring in their equipment over it. Lumber companies, currently the biggest source of surface revenue in the area, haul out

Medically Speaking

WHY YOU NEED LAUGHTER LAUGH and be happy. At first sight, this may sound a little silly, but actually it is good advice. When you laugh, your diaphragm moves up and down and the outgoing air stimulates the larynx, or voice box, to produce the chuckling or laughing sounds. These movements employ the use of many muscles and stimulate circulation.

HEARTY LAUGHTER

A hearty laugh will also exercise lung spaces which are difficult to ventilate. But probably the principal value of laughter as regards your health is the effect it has on relaxing your mind and body. And this relaxation, as you know, is important in preventing fatigue.

You'll feel more at ease once your nerve tension has eased. And it's difficult to remain tense if you have a couple of good laughs. A smile, or even a chuckle, is better than nothing, but a laugh is best of all. It will brighten the persons around you, too.

You know how difficult it is to keep from laughing when someone nearby is guffawing over something. So, if you're amused, let your fellow workers know it. It will serve as sort of an emotional pick-up to many of them.

Anything which helps ease tension and create harmony in the body's emotional reactions contributes greatly to better health. QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. H. J.: My big toe was broken when I was a child and was never set. Arthritis has developed in it and there is no motion in it. Would it be advisable to have the toe removed, as it is necessary for me to wear shoes of two different sizes?

Answer: Whether or not the removal of the toe would be advisable can only be determined by your physician. An examination by an orthopedic specialist is indicated.

BOOKS RECEIVED

THE BORROWERS AFIELD by Mary Norton, illustrated by Beth and Joe Kruskal (McLennan, Toronto, 215 pp. \$3). Those who were intrigued by "THE BORROWERS", the creatures who are as like to humans as makes no matter, except that they are six inches tall, will be anxious to follow Pod-Homily and Arley. They had been smoked and hunted out of their home under the floor. In the present delightful book, these little creatures are shown to have a very existence explains a great many household disappearances, are forced to develop a certain amount of self reliance rather than being entirely "Borrowers".

The Age Old Story

Then said Solomon, The Lord hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

timber over it. Commercial traffic pays one cent a ton each mile; tourists travel the road free. Fishing and hunting is permitted in the reserve area under provincial regulations. Rangers issue permits to carry firearms.

Gen. Kennedy said game runs from elk in the southern section to moose and mountain sheep in the northern. Black bears also turn up. But so far no grizzlies have been reported along the road, he said.

The board regulates all uses of the forest reserve with the object always in mind that its water must be conserved. Cattle and sheep may be grazed in its pastures, but only to the point where no conservation conditions will be damaged. Gen. Kennedy said the vast project is self-liquidating. Surface revenues—charges for road use, grazing, timber rights and so on—have risen to about \$500,000 a year, he said, from \$80,000 before the area was developed.

NOTES BY THE WAY

There are stop sign unbelievers. There are right-of-way won't-givers. There are the I-don't-signal-lers. There are too many to heck with the speed limit drivers. Cut-inners do as they please. I'll park and be turned over lives play their game with human lives.—Vancouver Sun.

Col. James Riley Stone, DSO, Provost Marshal of the Canadian Army, says "preventive policing" is as important in the Army as in civilian life. Visiting London, he said the task of military police was to prevent bad behavior rather than securing punishment later. This, of course, is the basis of all police work. It is the reason the patrolman walking his beat, foot by foot. The officer walking his beat—knowing many people and children—sees things building.—London Free Press

Any doubts about the vitality of the United States are dispelled periodically by the Census Bureau. Not that the bureau has that purpose in mind—it plainly states that its function is to give the facts and figures on population trends. So dynamic are its reports in their very substance, however, that they must impress every reader with the recognition that the United States is big busting family getting bigger and bigger. The report issued recently announced a new arrival—a bouncing 7 per cent increase. Thus, as of the end of 1954, our family counts off at 162,409,000. One more leaf for the dining-room table Uncle.—New York Times.

While such advice may be premature in this region of the country, it is nevertheless worth our keeping in mind for the months ahead. In the beginning and ending of almost every winter season in New Brunswick there are needless tragedies caused by thoughtlessness or outright carelessness. Too often we are not shocked into realization of the peril until the first life—or lives—are lost. Where rivers, lakes or creeks, children should be warned to stay away until the ice safety is checked by responsible adults.—Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

There are few, if any, greater forces than justice. The force of justice starts to be felt at an early age, and continues down through the years. In its most intense form it is found in the courts of the land. But its force is felt in many other phases of life. Young people, in particular, feel its dispensation frequently and with lasting effects as they pass through the formative years of school. During those years the teachers, under whose direction they come, face a grave responsibility in that their decisions will have a very wide influence on the children's attitude toward authority in later life. Unfortunately some teachers have little idea of justice, basing snap decisions on surface situations, failing to take into consideration all the facts in the case with which they meet. The result on the lives of the children who come under such teachers can only be assessed by psycho-analysis.—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

One of the major gains from the Bracken report, if it is acted upon, will be to create a liquor law that can be both respected and enforced. No one makes an attempt to drink liquor without a control act was either respected or adequately enforced. It is a decidedly unhealthy condition. Laws that are not respected, one of the most contentious matters in the report probably will prove to be the attempt to control the profits of brewery and hotel interests in Manitoba.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Cattle rustling is a familiar tale to viewers of Western movies, and associated with cowboy tales of the North American plains. It seems something new to read about cattle rustling in Britain. Perhaps the rustling is getting ideas from being way-out-west movies. From London comes an item about a Scotland Yard squad investigating large-scale rustling. The dispatch relates that the cattle were rustled somewhere between Liverpool and their destinations at farms in the Midlands and East Anglia. Somewhere out yonder on the open range of little old England.—Sydney Post-Record.

Real danger may come in a tendency to set scientists and humanists against each other, as though a natural warfare must forever be waged between them, so that what one may gain, the other must lose. Such a spirit will only divide still further the one from the other, at the very time when a deeper reconciliation and mutual trust is needed. The worst thing that could happen is for the scientist to pride himself in his ignorance of the humanities, while the humanist prides himself in his disinterest in the so-called practical subjects. It would be more than ever healthier and realistic at the present time, for scientists and humanists alike, at this crisis in Western civilization, to subordinate the negative and defensive in their attitudes toward each other, in favor of the positive and the outgoing. The future does not lie in the triumph of either over the other, but in their understanding unity in what is, after all, a single cause.—Montreal Gazette.

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