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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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St. Patrick's Day

The sons and daughters of Erin form a smaller proportion of Canada's population than they did a generation ago. Indeed for them to have kept pace in numbers with this rapidly growing land would have emptied old Ireland itself.

Over the years and notably at the present time those of Irish descent have contributed generously to the artistic and cultural life of the community. They are both socially minded and personally gifted.

In Prince Edward Island we owe a substantial share of our settlement and development to their pioneering courage and over the years they have given us statesmen, churchmen and leaders in every walk of life.

Today the Benevolent Irish Society in Charlottetown and elsewhere will parade in honour of Ireland and its patron saint as its members have done almost since the original settlement of the Island.

Dr. Raddall's Address

Dr. Raddall's address on literature, given as a Samuel Robertson memorial lecture in Prince of Wales College Hall last night, is published in full in today's Guardian, as no summary would do it justice.

This address, we venture to predict, will eventually get into literary anthologies and perhaps even into college textbooks. It is full of the meat of experience and mature judgment, and the style is worthy of the content.

St. Patrick's Day. The Red Cross and its many voluntary workers serve throughout the year. This is the time when the public can show its appreciation by contributing to make possible the continuance of its many services.

Times Have Changed

It is possible that Prime Minister St. Laurent has done more politically important things on his world tour than anything which his lunch with the Emperor of Japan would signify; but it is certain that no other action has had more influence or the Oriental imagination.

An Irish army was responsible for keeping the Romans out of Wales, according to an Irish historian quoted in the Winnipeg Free Press. John MacCourt asserts that there was an Irish Wales for 100 years and that one of the reasons the ancient Britons fought so valiantly against the Romans was that they were of Gaelic descent.

Just what the change will mean in the over-all world picture no one seems able or willing to say; indeed, that is one thing which Western leaders have been consider-

ing for some time now without arriving at any hard and fast conclusion. The hope is that the new departure in official thinking represents a decisive trend towards a sound and permanent democratic system of government and social planning.

Some students of international affairs, however, have said that they would feel much happier about it if the change had developed upwards from the people instead of downwards from the throne. This is based on the fact that most worthwhile movements in the past have begun that way.

Canada's Butter Surplus

Reports that the federal government, as a result of its price support policy, will hold more than 30 million pounds of butter at the beginning of May draws attention once again to problems within the dairy industry.

This figure, double the estimated total carryover this coming spring, assumes an increase in butter production of about 7 per cent, and a falling off of sales. It is to be noted, however, that butter consumption in Canada has shown some net gains since 1950 despite the active presence of margarine, and it is by no means certain that the trend will be downward during the coming marketing year.

For the time being, a fairly substantial butter surplus is undoubtedly a fact. Whether it gets bigger will depend on government policy as well as on what nature decides to do. One economic factor pointing to a continued heavy output of creamery butter is the price of beef.

EDITORIAL NOTES

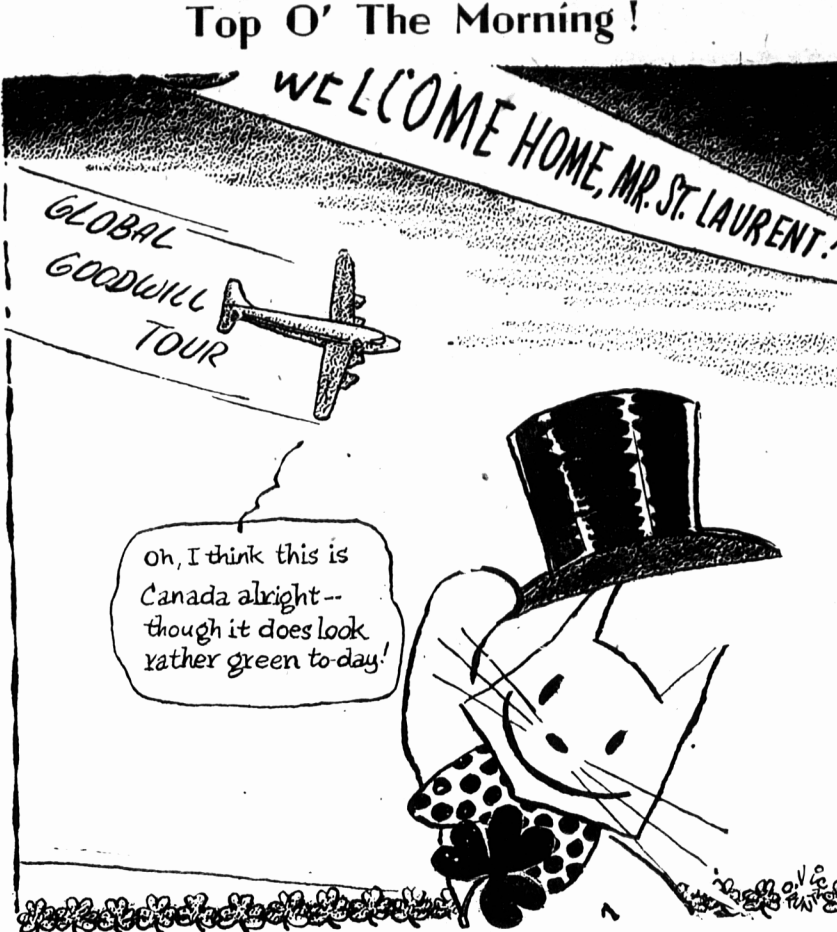
Nova Scotia is wise in having nothing to do with a proposal to develop a sugar beet industry. It would be an attempt to establish an uneconomical industry at the expense of endangering markets for the potatoes which the Maritimes are admirably suited to produce.

The conference proposed by the Federal Government to work out means of keeping all highway operations under Provincial jurisdiction is not so inconsistent with previous policy as might appear.

Edmund Kean, English actor, was born this date 1789. He went on the stage as a child, at the age of twelve playing Prince Arthur in "King John" with Kemble and Mrs. Siddons.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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THE WONDER OF LITTLE THINGS

Sir.—The match is a very little thing, fifty for a cent, and yet a match can save a life. Up in the bitter north a hunter was perishing but he had a match and a piece of birch bark.

Old Charlottetown

"Dr. Dawson, of this City, presented the Legislative Library a few days ago with a valuable collection of curiosities. Among them are a horseshoe crab—a very delicate and beautiful thing—specimens of petrified wood obtained in this Province, a number of arrow heads, a preserved snake, a piece of gold bearing quartz from Australia, and a portion of a bomb which exploded in the war of the great Confederate States rebellion."

PRESENTS CURIOS

MONTREAL, (CP)—An armed man held up a branch of the Provincial Bank on Beaulieu St. east Tuesday and escaped with about \$1,000.

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Spruce Gum

(Port Arthur News-Chronicle) Who in these days has heard of spruce gum? In years gone by it used to be considered good chewing, a little tough at times but of a distinctive and enduring flavor.

DEATH

Nor dread nor hope attend A dying animal. A man awaits his end Dreading and hoping all; Many times he died, Many times rose again.

The Age Old Story

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

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Notes By The Way

The best education is often what you learn yourself. St. Thomas Times-Journal. Taxation without representation was bad. But taxation with representation is nothing to brag about. —Calgary Albertan.

"Some persons use words to conceal thought but others read between the lines and fool them." —London Free Press. It probably won't be long before the pilot of a jet plane flying west will have to have a watch that runs backwards. Kingston Whig-Standard.

Anybody who passes a school just as it lets out is bound to wonder why it has taken him so long to run the four-minute mile. —Edmonton Journal. The great advance made in the use of paper products has meant the displacement of many other types of containers. Nowadays a large variety of commodities come in paper containers, even potatoes and flour.

How often does one buy something now which is contained in a tin or wooden pail? Yes, it is less than two-score years since such containers were in wide use. The village store would have many commodities in these pails, ranging from candy to lard. From The Windsor Star.

We trust that a line will always be drawn between a newspaper conscientiously attempting to report the facts—which is in itself important to the course of justice—and those publications which deliberately distort or misrepresent the facts in order to create sensationalism. A prospective juror must not just as easily be led to a preconceived opinion by the suppression of a piece of relevant information as by its conclusion in his newspaper. We do not think the streams of justice would be muddled if, in borderline cases, a newspaper with a good reputation for honest and factual reporting were given the benefit of the doubt. Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

Shorts, it appears, are going to be with us in a big, if brief, way this Summer. This substitute for long pants, unknown only a few years ago except in the khaki or white drill of tropical military service, is coming up in all the colors of the spectrum. We think it's a fine thing. A pioneer who wore shorts when he didn't dare leave his own back yard in them assures us that this garment is just as comfortable as it looks. But we would be less than honest if we did not point out that shorts have a serious aesthetic fault. —Chicago News.

REALLY GETS FACTS VANCOUR, (CP)—Adrian Liddell Hart, Cambridge-educated author and adventurer, son of Britain's foremost military critic, is going right to bedrock for his book on Canada's industrial boom. He has just completed three months as a laborer at Kitimat and plans to work in the Edmonton oil fields, the Saskatchewan uranium country and Quebec's Ungava development before starting in on his book for a London publisher. His father, Capt. Henry Basil Liddell Hart, is the author of more than 20 military books and compiled the current popular "Romans Papers".

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