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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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School Reopening

The great trek back to school will take place on Tuesday, youngsters probably complaining at Labour Day falling as early as it can.

Conflicting activities which required special times and which were most carefully allotted time last year must now be again fitted into the new shape of the school year.

Other changes are in the air. The Government has decided as a matter of policy beginning next year, that it should take children the same number of years to complete university matriculation in whatever part of the Island they may live.

The final decision probably depends upon reaching an understanding with the Governments of the other Atlantic Provinces.

All of this is of little interest to the children who will be directly affected. They are adjusting themselves to the change from holiday activities to the more complex and in many ways more interesting school life, of highly organized work and play.

The Seaway

Any discussion of the proposed St. Lawrence Seaway must be tied in with the power projects in connection with it.

There can be no doubt that the construction of such a waterway would greatly increase the value of basic Canadian production while reducing the cost of many imports.

To the Maritime Provinces the Seaway would mean water-borne competition with the railways for traffic with the rest of Canada.

The Maritimes can see no decided gain from the change but are generally willing to go along with the idea for the general benefit of Canada.

Massachusetts' Example

A recent article in an American magazine tells of the outstanding success achieved in highway accident prevention in the State of Massachusetts.

The State has strict traffic laws and the traffic police to enforce them; since 1930 it has required a twice-yearly check of all cars at designated stations; it trains prospective drivers and requires a strict test before a driver's license is issued.

There emerges the prime fact that the Massachusetts motor licence department does not appear to consider itself merely a revenue-collecting bureau for the

state government. It takes its licences seriously, as a form of guarantee to other drivers that the vehicle on which the plates appear is road-worthy and that the man or woman given a licence to drive has some training, more than casual ability to drive, and knows the laws.

It May Be Mr. Pearson

Reports continue to come from United Nations headquarters in New York that Lion. L. B. Pearson, Canada's Minister for External Affairs, will be elected the next president of the U. N. General Assembly.

Mr. Pearson had a part in the organization of the U. N. in San Francisco, and since 1945 has contributed steadily to U. N. decisions. He has demonstrated great skill as chairman of the General Assembly's political committee, where issues decided by the assembly are first debated.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Prince Edward Island Command Legion convention on Monday starts off very appropriately with a public morning service before the Legion parade to the monument.

The closing exercises tonight of the city squares playgrounds winds up a season of usefulness and enjoyment for which the Playgrounds Commission may take high credit.

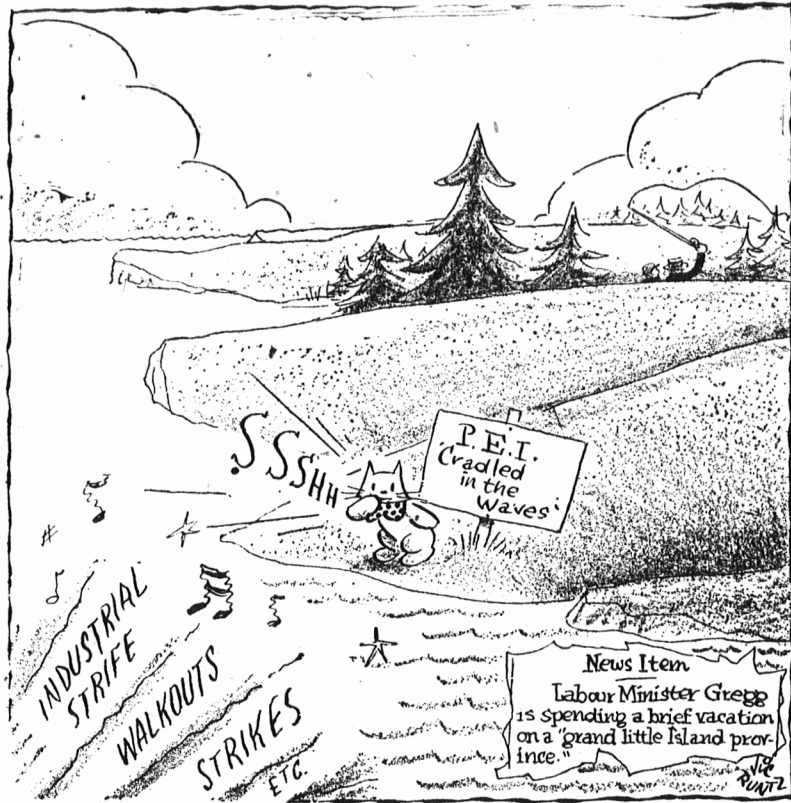
Women seem to be flocking to the cities even faster than men. The Bureau of Statistics reports that census figures show an urban female population increase of 1,232,345 in ten years as against an urban male increase of only 1,143,492.

Maurice Maeterlinck, Belgian dramatist, was born this date 1862. He joined forces with the symbolists and produced work which is mystical to a degree.

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Among the important advances recorded by Canadian research is the development of production of the new hormones ACTH and cortisone in this country. The so-called "wonder drug", ACTH, which has shown such promise in the treatment of arthritis, rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease and many other afflictions, is prepared from the pituitary glands of hogs.

Pleasant Holiday, Mr. Gregg!



Notes From Another Island

LONDON, England: The tragedy that smote the quiet countryside of Devon in mid-August had, like many tragedies, one or two touches of Satanic whimsicality.

A furious thunderstorm, bringing torrential rain, turned a small, peaceful river into a raging monster that broke loose and took heavy toll of property and human life.

Ordinarily the very name of Devon has a soft, restful sound to many of us; it is almost synonymous with relaxation, and every year thousands of holidaymakers go there to get away completely from the hurly-burly of their workaday world.

It is here that we come to consider a habit that clings despite all the arguments of statistics and commonsense: why so many of our citizens should continue voluntarily, year after year, to take their annual vacation in August.

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Nor is that all. This month of August is the one that statistics—and personal experience on the part of most of us at one time or another—show is the least likely of all the recognized summer holidays months to offer prospects of good vacation weather.

August has a strange sort of fascination, but there may be a logical reason behind it. Possibly the resorts are then at their brightest, intent on making the best possible impression on the vast crowds they know they can expect.

As for taking holidays early in the summer, well, that has its drawbacks, too. Your chosen resort may not quite be tuned up so early in the season; it may look too freshly painted and not "lived in."

The Poet's Corner

ASPIRATION O youth whose hope is high, Who dost to truth aspire, Whether thou live or die, O look not back nor tire.

That art bold to fly Through tempest, flood and fire, Nor dost not shrink to try Thy heart in torments dire.

If thou canst Death defy, If thy faith is entire, Press onward, for thine eye Shall see thy heart's desire.

Beauty and love are nigh, And with their deathless glare Soon shall thine eager cry Be numbered and expire.

working and watching your neighbours and workmates going off on their vacations when your own are all finished? The late vacationist always has that edge on his fellows.

Over-riding all these considerations is the fact that many people have no option about when to take a rest. Many factories and business houses close their whole place down for a week or two, finding it more convenient to have all their employees away at once, and get the matter of holidays over and done with at one swoop, than to have interruptions spread over several months.

It all adds up to a very complex problem, the solution to which will not be easily found. Until it is, a great many of us will continue to have the proverbial wonderful time on our holidays, in spite of everything that goes to show such a thing is impossible—in August.

PUBLIC FORUM

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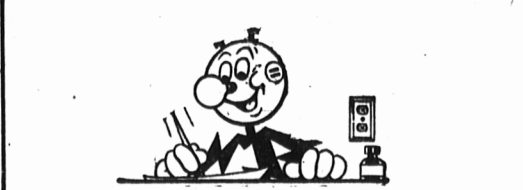
TOBACCO AND RELIGION

Sir,—In a recent issue of the Guardian, I was taken back to read a few paragraphs under "United Church Asks Steps For Church Union." They were: "A commission on tobacco requested that the council find that tobacco is not a moral issue within the United Church."

It is no wonder that there are so many church branches today, when a church would want such an issue passed. The church is made up of people, and if the people are not spiritual, but only moral, likewise the church.

While none of us is perfect, we should aim to do those things that are pleasing in the sight of God, than those things that are looked upon as right in the eyes of the world.

I am Sir, etc., T. C. Malpeque, P. E. I.



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Notes By The Way

Are you wearing a little polyethylene terephthalate today? Or perhaps some polyacrylonitrile, or even a bit of polyhexamethylene adipamide? Wait! Don't shake your head in horror and say, "No!" so quickly.

Sarnia in Lambton County on the St. Clair River has doubled its population since 1941. The river, on which Sarnia has 6,700 feet of berthing, handles more shipping in six months than the Suez, Kiel and Panama canals combined in a year.

Winnipeg used to be known far and wide as one of the worst regulated cities on the continent as far as traffic was concerned. Now it is among the best. Since introduction of the new pedestrian by-law, and closer checks on persons granted driving licences in this area, city traffic accidents have been cut by over 20 per cent.

In many parts of Britain, a citizen facing an emergency need only dial "999" for quick assistance. The slogan "For Police, Fire or Ambulance, dial 999" was first used in 1937 when "999" service was set up in London.

The Age-Old Story

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

A collection of professional cards for various services including lawyers (Gaudet & Haszard, J. A. McGuigan, Dr. W. R. Carson, Chas. R. McQuaid), chiropractors (Matheson, Peake & Nicholson), optometrists (J. S. Taylor, Allison M. Gillis, Dr. A. L. MacIsaac), and accountants (H. R. Doane & Company, McDonald, Currie & Co.).