

Atlantic Conference

It is a matter of significance that the conference of Atlantic Premiers which opens at Fredericton on Monday is attracting attention in other Provinces as well.

"Almost inevitably," the Journal adds, "the Provinces must look to Ottawa for assistance in development. The fact that Conservatives in the House of Commons have lambasted the Liberal Government for loaning \$80,000,000 to Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd., while failing to assist New Brunswick's power program may cause a certain diffidence on this subject by the Liberal premiers in the Maritimes; but while Mr. Flemming of New Brunswick happens to be a Conservative it does not follow that a united front in approaching Ottawa is out of the question.

The Journal recalls that in other years it was common for Premiers of the Western or Maritime Provinces, or their ministers, to confer on united policies and come to Ottawa with suggestions the central government could not ignore.

Friendly Dictatorship

Not all the news about the future of American foreign bases is discouraging. Assurance has recently been given by the Portuguese Government that the important base in the Azores can be strengthened any time the United States considers it necessary.

This new gesture of Portuguese co-operation with the allies for the defence of Western Europe takes on special significance when it is realized that Portugal is not a democracy at all in the generally accepted sense of that term.

Hon. D. D. Patterson, New Brunswick's Secretary-Treasurer, calls "satisfactory" the Province's current surplus of \$167,338 and a \$281,749 decrease in the net debt. Almost anyone would use the same adjective in describing that sort of financial picture.

All reports indicate that in general dictator Salazar's rule has been benevolent and in the good interests of the nation; and a recent announcement from Lisbon says that he is seriously thinking of transferring some of his powers by

gradual stages to something approaching a democratic system of government. His friendship for the Western powers—and especially for Britain, which is a long-standing tradition for Portugal—ought to be of some help in that direction.

The Chipman Case

The case of Edward C. Chipman and his George Medal award for bravery has been enveloped in mystery for several months. Unfortunately, State Secretary Pinard's recent statement to the Commons does nothing to clear it up.

If Mr. Chipman's claim—or the claim that someone made for him—was a legitimate one, and he has made no public admission to the contrary, the fact that there was "controversy" about it ought not to have deprived him of his just reward.

The long and short of it is that the whole thing, judging by Mr. Pinard's meagre statement, was handled in an incredibly hazy manner.

EDITORIAL NOTES

At a meeting of the International Union for the Protection of Nature held recently in Edinburgh a new association was formed to investigate such matters as the harmful effects of large scale forest clearance and the harm done by widespread use of insecticides.

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Teenagers all over the Atlantic region will want to do something nice for the members of the Sydney School Board who have complained to the provincial Department of Education that this year's examinations for grades 11 and 12 were much too difficult.

Governor Harriman of New York, a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, is quoted as saying "the United States should insist that the Polish Government recognize the rights of workers to freedom and a decent life".



COMING AND GOING

PUBLIC FORUM

A GREAT TEACHER

Sir, It is now almost seventy years ago since the late Miss Ann Sullivan, a Boston teacher for the blind, aged twenty years, poured water on one hand of blind, deaf and dumb, seven year old, Helen Keller, and spelled slowly and deliberately, by touch of the fingers, the word "Water" on Helen's other hand.

From this time onward there began on the part of Miss Sullivan a marvellous work of teaching such as most likely has never been surpassed, or even equalled, by any other teacher in the world.

Truly as the poet Tennyson said in "Morte d'Arthur": "The Duke of Wellington, so with mere chance of pronoun it can be said of Ann Sullivan, 'Whatever record leaps to light, hers never shall be shamed'".

This estimate of Helen Keller's education will I believe not seem unduly exaggerated to those who are aware that she is still living, a bright old lady at the age of seventy-six years, and that she has among her several modern and ancient languages, including, of course, Latin and Greek.

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OUR YESTERDAYS

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The Age Old Story

Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding. He that reprooveth a scorner getteth to himself shame; and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.

French Colonies Vanishing

France is giving up her overseas territories at such a rate that before long she may have to begin thinking of herself as a non-colonial power.

Within two years France has surrendered one-third of her empire. Algeria, another important chunk, is held only by military stitching which seems on the point of giving way.

What would be left is less important to her than the big island of Madagascar off the east coast of Africa, where uranium ore had been found, and the vast areas of desert and jungle in central and western Africa whose values are not wholly known.

Each colony which gets away excites another to try it. A rebellion in Madagascar immediately after the Second World War was put down. France fought eight years in Indochina in part because she knew what a bad effect its loss would have on North Africa.

Continuing her visit to Prince Edward Island, Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide, was in Summerside yesterday afternoon, arriving by plane about noon.

MOSCOW (Reuters) — The Soviet Communist party newspaper Pravda Friday countered suggestions that there is any need for another political party in Russia.

MARITIME CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE

Inquiries and applications are now being received for complete commercial diploma courses beginning in September in the following subjects: Gregg Shorthand — Spelling — Commercial Law Business Correspondence — Business English — Filing Commercial French — Advertising — Office Management Business Administration — Bookkeeping — Accounting Typewriting — Business Mathematics — Salesmanship Personality Development — Penmanship — Economics Secretarial Administration

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

NEW SUGAR TEST MAKES DIABETIC'S LIFE EASIER The lot of a diabetic has improved greatly through the years. Every so often a new development has been discovered and has given him another short cut to ease his daily row.

Tests for urinary sugar in the past were messy and time-consuming. These were simplified until all that was needed was a test tube and a chemical tablet. Now even these can be laid aside.

Enzyme chemistry has advanced rapidly. PAPER TAPE—A roll of enzyme-impregnated paper tape now makes it possible to obtain a reasonably accurate estimation of urinary glucose without the need of test tubes, heat sources and other paraphernalia.

Neither moisture nor heat affects the enzymes, and it is necessary only to protect the tape from prolonged exposure to bright light. Such a light could cause the indicator to turn brown and obscure the results. For this reason the tape is enclosed in an opaque plastic dispenser.

After collecting a specimen, simply dip about one and one-half inches of the tape into it. After removing the tape, allow it to dry in the air for one minute.

Don't place it on a piece of paper, to dry because starch and sulfide are used in the manufacture of paper. When paper is moistened by the wet strip of tape, minute quantities of glucose are produced by hydrolysis of the starch. This might be enough to produce a false positive reaction.

Once the tape is dry, the color formed is compared with a color chart affixed to the dispenser. As in other testing methods, the amount of sugar present is indicated by the color.

The testing tape currently available contains enough material for about 100 tests per roll.

QUESTION AND ANSWER W.S.: What are brown spots on the skin, and what can be done for them?

Answer: Brown spots are due to excessive pigmentation. Often these spots may be bleached out by the use of such ointments as ammoniated mercury. However, this should be done by a physician, since there is danger in the use of bleaching ointments.

The Poet's Corner

TRANSMISSION (Note to a Senior Class) They beg you graduate as engineers. As men of science needed for the years. That loom so mealy manned without them. Wise counsels these—so do not flout them!

Think rather of the scope Of men of science unconfined By narrower limits of the common mind. Those engineers who gather and deliver The vagrant powers of lake and river, For broad transmission day or night, The smaller potencies of heat and light, Lifting the shadows and the chill That block the climb of many a stony hill.

And shall no man of science read The scrolls That feeds the hungerings of heart and soul. And transmits new thoughts with latent powers To arm poor mortals for their darkest hours?

Win your diplomas, then, as engineers Whether of edifies or vision, peer In the uncovering of hidden things, Turning the slaves of nature into kings.

M.A. DeWolfe Howe in the New York Times.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The extent to which the Dominion Government intrudes and interferes in the private affairs of individuals and business firms is distressing. But even more distressing is the docile acceptance of this interference.—Winnipeg Tribune

Presumably police constables are given careful training in the safe use of revolvers, and yet an Ottawa policeman handling a gun in his home discharges it accidentally and wounds his wife! Makes it easier to understand why so many accidents occur at the hands of persons untrained in the handling of firearms.—Ottawa Journal

A week or two ago the City of Winnipeg marketed a \$7.5 million debenture issue in New York. During the past few days, the British Columbia government announced that it would borrow \$40 million in the U.S. Thus even governments in Canada are being forced to borrow outside the country as a result of the policy of credit restriction being followed by Ottawa.—Winnipeg Tribune

There will be pleasure in many parts of the world besides France over the news that the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Rouen has been restored and formally opened again. This lovely old church is especially sacred to the memory of Joan of Arc, since the plaza in front of it was the scene of her death. The cathedral was virtually destroyed by bombs and fire during the war and now, twelve years later, it is once more a monument to France and to Joan rather than a testimonial to horrors of war.—New York Times

Chin whiskers which he grew got an Atlanta bus driver fired. Now he's suing for \$25,000 on the proposition that his civil rights have been violated. We suppose the bus company could say its civil rights include the privilege of objecting to bearded drivers, and that any urging on the issue on a civil rights basis could cause itself around in circles forever. What the bus driver overlooked, we're afraid, is that he is living in the age of conformity and that the individualist no longer has a place in our society. The man who differs from his neighbors is so much as a few whiskers is doomed.—Detroit Free Press

British old age pensions follow the pensioner to the ends of the earth and the end of his days. If he migrates at age 65 to Tasmania, Peru or the Yukon the cheques continue to flow and don't stop until the death certificate is issued. Canadian old age pensions should be payable in the same way because they too are now based on the principle of contribution.—Toronto Financial Post

An old-timer recalls that when Cyprus became a British possession in 1914, a Scottish comedian of that era had a song, the refrain of which was: "Farewell my freens, I've came the sea Goodye, I'm awa' across the sea my wee bit luck tae try, I can't mak as muckle here as was feot a moose, so I'm away tae Cyprus tae open a public-house. Of course, a moose in this case meant a mouse, not the moose known to Canadians.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

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