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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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Goodwill Ambassador

Good luck to the Rev. Edmond Roche, professor of mathematics at St. Dunstan's College, on his important itinerary to a number of Canadian and American cities for the purpose of conferring with various alumni groups concerning plans for the Centennial celebrations later this year.

Former pupils of St. Dunstan's, whether they live in Matane, P.Q. or in New York, N.Y., already are well aware of the special attractions of this part of the world. For them the professor's visit will provide opportunities for glad reminiscing rather than for the dissemination of information.

Facing The Future

President Eisenhower has promised to use every legitimate means to sustain American prosperity, an assurance that will be welcomed by economists and others in all the free world.

At the end of the Second World War there was a general expectation of hard times, an expectation that fortunately was not realized. Instead there has been a rapid expansion of all economies, that of this country leading.

Today savings are at a higher level than ever. Housing is as far from being up to requirements as ever and potential consumption is as always limited only by the vigour with which manufacturers let the people know of the merits of their products.

The problem is to be awake to any signs of weakening in the economy and to take the necessary measures early enough. The American President has shown that he will not allow a depression to come upon his country unawares.

Atomic Power Co-operation

Whether President Eisenhower's plan for international co-operation in developing atomic power comes to anything, says the Toronto Telegram, there can be no doubt that individual nations will tap this new source of energy for their own needs within the next few years.

The impression is abroad that the Canadian atomic energy team, which has been operating a nuclear reactor at Chalk River for seven years now, could design and install a commercial atomic plant long before 1960, if need be.

The whole field of atomic co-operation was discussed exhaustively by the United Nations, which has had a commission studying the American proposal, or so-called Baruch Plan, for several years. The Baruch Plan proposed international ownership of fissionable materials and foolproof inspection procedure, so there could be no surprise atomic war in future.

The Russians, argues our Toronto contemporary, are not essential to the Eisenhower plan. The President has invited Russia and other nations to join in setting up an international atomic pool of material and know-how.

based on experience as chief of the ultra-secret U. S. atomic energy program, has said the Eisenhower atom pool could be started within six or eight months.

Insurance Record Set

One of the most remarkable features of Canadian business during 1953 was the amount of life insurance taken out by Canadians. This is seen in the figures presented in the year-end statement of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association.

During the year Canadians put in force additional assurance of their lives amounting to \$2.5 billions, raising the total of life insurance owned by Canadians to \$20.5 billions. This figure is impressive enough in itself.

Other comparisons are equally striking. The aggregate benefits paid to policyholders and to beneficiaries during the past year exceed the total Canadian premium income of all companies doing business in Canada in 1943 by approximately eight per cent.

It is evident from these figures, notes the Montreal Gazette, that Canadians have taken advantage of the prosperity of the last few years to invest a very large proportion of their savings in life insurance. This has certainly been of advantage in stabilizing the economic position of the individuals and families concerned.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is reported that the code name for a military operation to be carried out near Seven Islands is "Loup Garou" or werewolf. Military men are at last overtaking the more imaginative writers.

The first business of Congress, opening Wednesday, is expected to be consideration of the St. Lawrence Seaway project. Certainly there can be few schemes of grander proportions to take the attention of Senators and Members.

Six Provinces have completed a greater mileage of Trans-Canada Highway than has Prince Edward Island. The Island, however, is in the very satisfactory position of leading all in the percentage of the total completed. It is to be hoped that completion will come as rapidly.

It is satisfactory indeed that for the first time there is no waiting list for the Provincial Sanatorium and even a few spare beds. The energetic search for new cases of tuberculosis sent the apparent rate up for some years but has paid off in reducing the real incidence of the disease.

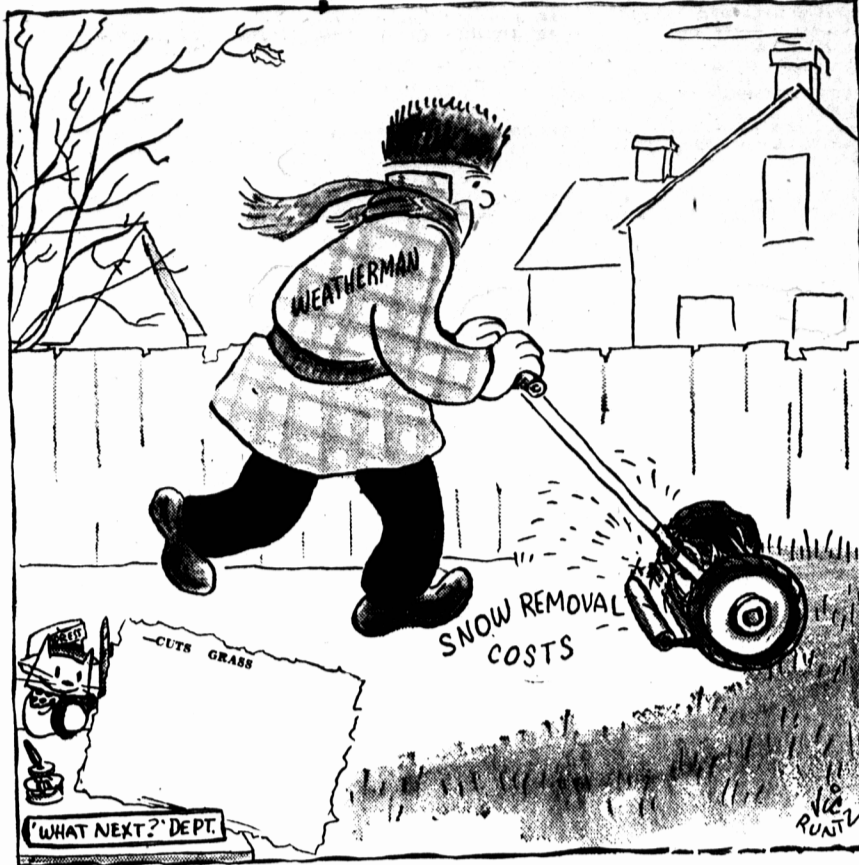
The Legion won its hard battle to retain the dignity of the term "comrade" despite the Communists. Progressive Conservatives may take heart in facing the threat of being tarred with the brush of being classed with "Progressives" by immigration officers with more zeal than knowledge.

The new Association of Incorporated Village Commissioners should be a useful body both in enabling the villages to work together for what they want and in providing the Government with spokesmen who can speak with authority on behalf of those municipalities.

A survey shows that most New Brunswick teachers average two hours or more each day beyond the prescribed hours, preparing lessons, marking exercises or helping pupils. It should come as a surprise that the time so spent is so short. There must be many teachers who still find that it takes two hours of preparation to do one hour of teaching.

Home construction must now start within 30 days rather than 90 days of approval of loans by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. If home construction is not started within that period the loan approval is cancelled and a new application must be made.

Clipping It Shorter



The Poet's Corner

ON THE SEA-POINT

The long day comes full circle. The early light returns. What all have heard as theory each in his own time learns.

For me the hours are rounding. Never might there have been Noon's dazzle that was darkness: So clear again the scene.

Splendor has wheeled to splendor. Though broken appeared the ring. Sunset completes the sunrise. That made my childhood sing.

The cycle is accomplished. Present fulfills the past. As, through the glare of custom, Wonder leaps back at last.

The long day comes full circle. I look, I gasp. Once more I stare, like any infant, At sky and sea and shore.

—Gilbert Thomas in "Wings"

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

DISASTROUS FIRST VOYAGE

"The new brig, 'Jabez' Grigg, Master, from Richmond Bay, P. E. Island, bound for Bideford, on her first voyage, was wrecked on Cape St. Lawrence, on the western coast of Cape Breton, at 8 a.m. on the 6th November, and soon after went to pieces. The crew, with much difficulty, got to land, with the exception of two, John Hay, brother-in-law to Capt. Grigg, and Richard Westlake, an apprentice, who were dashed to pieces among the rocks.

"The survivors, many of them almost in a state of nudity, after travelling about six miles through thick woods, came upon a small settlement of Scotch emigrants, consisting of three families only, who lived thirty miles apart from any other settlement. 'Here the shipwrecked mariners remained for about ten days, until they were sufficiently recovered to proceed to the nearest port, Capt. Grigg, who, together with his son and two of the seamen, has since arrived in Charlottetown, speaks in the warmest terms of the kindness they received from those poor people, who, during their stay, slaughtered two of their cattle for their support, without the slightest prospect of remuneration. Their names, which are well worthy of honourable mention, are Maclean, Mackintosh, and Hingley.' —The Examiner, Dec. 1, 1835.

Highland Music

"Ye are a great piper," cried Alan Breck. "I am not fit to blow in the same kingdom with ye." Most readers of Kidnapped recognize that Alan was deeply moved by Robin Oig's playing of a highland pibroch, but they cannot for the life of them understand what it was that moved him so much. There are many who like piping, many who feel bigger and better men as a pipe band swings past and find their feet tapping to a strathspey or reel, and yet draw away baffled when they hear the long austere, solitary kind of tune—the true pibroch, lasting about a quarter of an hour—that the best pipers prefer to play. The piper marches slowly round, eyes half-closed, engrossed in a tune that at first may seem to be no tune, simply a series of long sharp notes in surprising sequence. What meaning has this weird classical music of the highland pipe? Perhaps it has to be left to Highlanders born. "Ye can blow the pipes—make the most of that," said Alan. Yet anyone with patience and interest will notice first of all that the pibroch notes themselves come out very differently from the throaty, ranting notes so often heard from bag-

Mysteries Of Stonehenge

John Hillaby in the New York Times

London — Carvings of an axe and a dagger recently found on a 30-ton monolith at Stonehenge, in Salisbury Plain, are inclining British archaeologists toward the view that the greatest pre-Christian sanctuary in Europe was built by an ancient Mycenaean from the Eastern Mediterranean area.

The discoveries were made when a party of archaeologists under the direction of Prof. Stuart Piggott of Edinburgh was preparing to photograph a seventeenth-century inscription on one of the monoliths, or Sarsen stones, in the "horse-shoe," or inner circle, of the open-air temple. (Sarsen is a corruption of Saracen, i.e. heathen or pagan in the Anglo-Saxon view.)

Before the photographic plate was exposed, the faint outline of a bladed dagger was seen to be incised point downward in the sandstone about four feet from the ground. Beside it, similarly executed, was the representation of a flanged axe, cutting edge downward.

Further examination revealed three more representations of axes, together with other markings on almost certainly were made by man but are too weathered to be deciphered. Later, a 10-year-old schoolboy discovered a similar representation of a flanged axe on a stone in the outer circle of the sanctuary. Within a month the cryptics totalled 40.

The features of the dagger sign are quite clear. The pommel is broad and the blade long, straight-edged and narrow, with the base terminating on each side in a short upturned "horn." Research has disclosed that the carving is almost identical with an actual weapon unearthed many years ago at Mycenae, in the Peloponnese, an almost prehistoric city on the northern edge of the 4,000-year-old Mycenaean civilization.

The axe sign is believed to be culturally comparable with the mystical double-axe insignia of the Minoans called the "Labyrinth." The upturned horns of the blades are now identified with King Minos, at whose palace at Knossos, in Crete (ancient Minoan), was the Labyrinth or literally, "The Place of the Double Axe." The Minotaur, a

Then came the great stone builders, perhaps Bronze Age Wessex men, with a few Mediterranean traders or holy men, who raised Stonehenge with eighty massive Sarsens. About the year 1700 B.C., the two rings were built and the blocks at the top mortice jointed into place. Nobody knows how. At a working height of four feet from the ground, the architect left behind his mark, the axes and the dagger sign. Thus, it is thought, the pre-Hellenic culture travelled north-west to Britain, where it remained fossilized until it was revived temporarily by the Romans.

Before World War II, the Soviet Ukraine accounted for nearly a fourth of Russia's entire wheat and corn crops, a third of its barley, and two-thirds of its sugar beet output, says the National Geographic Society.

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AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

Notes By The Way

An expert says that children under 10 learn languages easily. And that, if they get the wrong example, includes bad language. — Vancouver Province.

A Boston scientist and his wife are raising a chimpanzee in their home, just as if he were a child. Well, that is preferable to those homes in which children are raised as if they were chimpanzees. — Windsor Daily Star.

It's true enough, as the saying goes, that the wise man has an extra raincoat, but how many different kinds of underwear should he have for the crazy winters we get now? — Hamilton Spectator.

A British encyclopedia back in the 1790's had four lines on the atom and five pages on love. Now it has five pages on the atom and doesn't even mention love. — Fort William Times-Journal.

The following conversation was overheard on the railway running from Iquique, in Chile, to La Paz, in Bolivia. As the train slowly crawled up the steep grade, in the Andes a passenger came out of one of the slowly moving coaches. Well, that is preferable to those homes in which children are raised as if they were chimpanzees. — Windsor Daily Star.

If it be true in the Tennysonian phrase that "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of"—and there is no Christian who can doubt its truth—then it is a supremely fitting thing that of recent years the custom has arisen of observing the first week of the new year as a week of prayer. The turning of the year is inevitably in some sort of milestone in life's journey, and there is no better way of orienting oneself to the new stage than by setting the spiritual compass right at the beginning. — Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

Those who know Iceland will recall the glacier as a distant field of glittering ice on the mountains as viewed from ships passing at sea. The glaciers gave Iceland its name, a deceptively forbidding name. The green valleys of the volcanic island are lush with grass and dotted with grazing sheep and numerous hot springs which heat farm homes, supply warmth for greenhouses and indeed heat the entire capital city of Reykjavik. The city's name means Bay of Smoke, derived from the columns of steam arising from numerous hot springs located on a cape protruding into the sea south of the city. — Sydney Post-Record.

Often we hear people say the present generation of Canadians has lost the pioneering spirit. There are snide suggestions we are becoming soft and effete. But news items constantly deny the truth of such aspersions. The latest of these tells of Winnipeg pilot Pat Rickey, forced down by bad weather in Northern Manitoba while bringing out a mother and her two children. In bitter below zero weather, he kept the woman and little children alive six days, and attended her in the birth of a third. Despite his wrapping the infant in his own woolen underwear and making it a formula from powdered milk, sugar and melted snow, the little one died after four days. But other intrepid armen found and rescued him, the woman and the other two children. And recently there have been two instances of parties forced down in Northern Quebec, an surviving until found. — Windsor Daily Star.

The Age Old Story

Many waters cannot quench life neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would be utterly contemned.

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David Ben Gurion, the "grand old man" of Israel, has formally resigned as premier of the new state and will retire and spend the rest of his days as a shepherd in the rugged Negev hills. He gives "spiritual fatigue" as the cause of his retirement at the age of sixty-seven. Let us hope the retiring premier is on solid ground when he expresses the wish that the country's government is stable enough not to be affected by his resignation. One can imagine Ben Gurion caring for his flocks under the clear skies of Israel as he meditates on the long history of his people and their new status in the world. — Niagara Falls Review.

Considering the extremely light vote in Monday's elections, we reproduce, without further comment, the following from the Orangeville Banner of a year ago: "If you trace the word 'idiot' you'll find it comes from the Greek 'idiotes.' According to the Greeks, the 'idiotes' were citizens who did no voting. This makes just as much sense today as it did in ancient Athens or Sparta. A Canadian citizen who does not use his right to vote is an idiot. Using the term we will not go quite so far as popular usage does, but rather turn to the original Greek which meant 'an ignorant person.'" — Toronto Telegram.

They are trying to breed a longer-lived, friendlier, stay-at-home honey bee. Beekeepers don't like some of the bad habits in which their winged servants indulge. The beekeeper can forgive the bee his sting in the same way that a dog is entitled to his first bite. The first sting by a bee, of course, is his last. So the race of humans known as geneticists are going to work on the honey bee. They are going to try and make him live longer and happier. They are going to try and create a welfare state for honey bees. It will be a life of shorter working hours and greater contentment. But it will also be a life in which the honey bee will hear less of the siren song of the queen bee's call to adventure. — Sudbury Star.