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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest link."

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Canada's Western Neighbour

Japan's Premier Shigeru Yoshida has come out of the West to visit this country and to go to Europe.

It is as leader of a great industrial nation that the Japanese visits us. That political changes are catching up with economic advance is indicated by the fact that Japanese labour unions are presently carrying on a particularly noisy expression of opposition to their country being represented abroad by Mr. Yoshida.

It is not to be expected that in these complex times there will be agreement on all points either within a nation or between countries but Japan has come through the post war, cold war and Korean war periods with much credit.

Rail Freight Rates

By their own admission, the railways are losing out badly in the Montreal-Toronto area, and a rate reduction seems the only solution.

"It has always been the contention of the Western and Maritime Provinces that when the railways held down their charges in one area in order to meet truck competition, they charged elsewhere as much as the Transport Board would allow.

"In time, however, significant changes may be expected in the transportation picture. The West in particular should benefit from the St. Lawrence deep waterway, and over a large part of the country the Trans-Canada highway and other all-weather roads now under construction will afford new competition against the railways.

Famous French Institutions

Two famous French institutions, the St. Cyr Military Academy and the Legion of Honor, celebrated their 150th birthdays this summer.

Both school and decoration were created by Napoleon the First. The Little Corporal set up the "West Point of France" at Fontainebleau. Four years later (1808), he transferred it to the village of St. Cyr, near Versailles, where his future officers would be away from the distractions and diversions of his Fontainebleau court.

The Order of the Legion of Honor was established to recognize civilian as well as military service of distinction to France. It was initiated in 1802; but the first selection and distribution of the award (6,000 recipients) were not made until July, 1804.

formal presentation ceremony, hung in the museum at Versailles, shows Napoleon pinning the decoration on a wounded veteran's chest. Among today's holders are a number of noted Americans, honored for service to France during the First and Second World Wars.

St. Cyr, like the Legion of Honor, looks back on a romantic tradition of brave men and deeds of chivalry. For the many St. Cyr officers who are also of the Legion of Honor, the two traditions have merged.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Elizabeth Fry Society of Toronto proposes to honour the late Agnes MacPhail by establishing scholarships at Canadian schools of social work for students who wish to work in the field of probation and rehabilitation of prisoners or penology, when a chair in that subject is set up.

The week-long visit of the band of H. M. C. S. Cornwallis to this Province not surprisingly coincides with a naval recruiting drive. It seems probable that the greatest enthusiasm will be aroused for enlistment in the band of H. M. C. S. Queen Charlotte.

The atomic age appears likely to correct one English usage. Maj.-Gen. Rockingham points out that: "We have to move quickly, keep dispersed and operate more at night." That is certainly a more accurate picture of mobilizing than the traditional gathering of large bodies of men together.

In the past seven years some eight million passengers have been carried by scheduled Canadian airlines with only six passenger and 11 crew member fatalities. Air travel, it seems, is no longer a hazardous adventure but as safe or safer than other forms of transportation.

The unanimous vote of the U. N. steering committee on the peaceful use of atomic energy should go down in history. The American proposal is that the General Assembly discuss a plan under which the United States and other countries would pool information and resources for the peacetime development of atomic energy.

The first steam railway line was opened in England this date 1825, the Stockton and Darlington line. It was worked by Stephenson's locomotive. The victory of the locomotive was not conceded, however, until the question of powering the Liverpool and Manchester line was decided in 1929 by the famous Rainhill competition which was won by Stephenson's "Rocket".

It must have been a surprise to Premier Duplessis, as to many other people, that the interprovincial highway transport conference meeting at Winnipeg proposes, according to a C.P. report, to seek amendment of the B. N. A. Act to give the Provinces control of interprovincial traffic.

An habitual criminal may appeal his conviction as such but the Crown cannot appeal a contrary finding, according to a Manitoba appellate decision. The Criminal Code provision of 1947 permits the person convicted under the section to appeal but the Crown's right of appeal is not mentioned. The court held that the section does not define a crime but provides for a change of status and the general right of appeal is not applicable.

Yet another murder confession has proved false. One Louis Francoeur, arrested for housebreaking in Washington, confessed that he murdered a Florida resident in Montreal. The confession was rendered somewhat improbable when the alleged victim returned to his home. A confession or plea of guilty is ordinarily accepted as proof of guilt but in the case of capital offences the courts have learned to treat them merely as evidence which may be rebutted.



"Hot" Potato

NOTES BY THE WAY

When a girl strokes a man's forehead, you can bet she's after his scalp.—Galt Reporter.

The new styles for women are said to give them the boyish look. A good many people will still prefer the girlish look.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

If the summer is quitting on us, there's at least one consolation: The mosquitoes are quitting too.—Chatham News.

In many instances, those who think the best music is tooting their own horns have a terrible taste.—Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

The chap held on a charge of robbing a ladies' wear store had a bad day. He was charged with carrying a gun in a public place.—Moose Jaw Times-Herald.

If he's any kind of husband at all he can tell right away from his wife's eyes whether the candles on the table are due to gracious living or a blown fuse.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Twenty years ago Adolf Hitler proclaimed himself Reichsfuehrer of Germany. Let's see, wasn't he the fellow who said his Nazi set-up would endure for a thousand years?—Brantford Expositor.

Those who listen for milkmen to rattle milk bottles in the morning instead of setting their alarm clocks are going to be out of luck if cardboard containers become universally popular.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Co-operative attitude of labor unions in the Collingwood shipyard is well known. It's a pity that despite the idleness of shipping on the lakes, the C.S.L. is building another bulk carrier in the Collingwood yard. A tug is also said to be in prospect. Perhaps if the union leaders in Midland indicate a change in wage attitude in this district, hope for future operation might not be so bleak.—Midland Free Press Herald.

The coffee-drinking habit, because caffeine raises the blood pressure, can reasonably be classified with the other drug habit—addiction to opiates, alcohol, barbiturates and nicotine—according to an editorial in The New England Journal of Medicine. Similarly, an addiction to "cola" drinks, where the kick also comes from caffeine, should probably be classified as drug addiction, the journal maintains.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

There was a time not long ago when the turnip was an ugly, unwashed vegetable raised principally to nourish cattle and hogs, who never did have much choice about what went into their diets. The occasional farmer's wife boiled up a mess of turnips as an additional vegetable, but few city cooks would demean the table with the yellow vegetable. Times have changed. Turnips are rutabagas now and farmers in this part of Ontario are getting seventy to eighty cents a bushel for them in the export market. Turnips—excuse us, rutabagas—are considered a tasty dish in many parts of the United States. Farmers whose crops ripened early are cashing in. Rutabagas have joined sugar beets, soy beans and tobacco in this district's profitable and diversified list of cash crops.—From London Free Press.

This may come as a blow, but science is now convinced that intelligence has shown no increase for some half a million years. As far as native genius goes, according to the genetic experts gathered in convention at Bar Harbor, we're no better equipped than our skin-clad prehistoric forebears. It's a humbling and timely thought that it took as much innate intellectual ability to devise the first wheel or the bow and arrow as it did to conceive of the hydrogen bomb or air conditioning. And it ought to buoy up any number of parents of teen-agers to learn that their knowing young whippersnappers aren't really any smarter than Pop's generation. Brain cell for brain cell, he's still their match. At least that's the word from Bar Harbor.—Providence Journal.

People are reported flocking to Toronto's first "drive in" church. Is the Queen City staging a comeback to its traditional goodness?—Chatham Daily News.

Prisoners clamor for more recreation—perhaps because sports events, and particularly baseball games, give better chances for breaking out.—Chatham Daily News.

The latest invention is a clock that runs on power from light rays. What, anyway, has it got on the old sundial?—Chatham Daily News.

With wholesale prices at their lowest point for four years, the failure of retail prices to follow suit becomes more glaring.—Brantford Expositor.

An ancient dispute is whether physical or mental ease is more important in enabling a person to go to sleep. One way to settle it might be to observe a man resting on a comfortable mattress which he has paid for with a bad cheque.—Edmonton Journal.

A Japanese source says Great Britain will soon take the lead in world trade over the United States. That may be a slight exaggeration, but the British have certainly made a tremendous comeback, much to the surprise of the pessimists who kept saying that the Old Country was done for.—Brantford Expositor.

According to German researchers, those who live in houses without elevators and who regularly climb flights of stairs may consider themselves as well-trained athletes. Ordinary walking burns up 2,100 calories per minute, ploughing uses twice as many, bicycling requires 6,300 and digging ditches in loamy soil about 7,500 calories per minute. But climbing stairs uses more than 15,000 calories per minute and even more if the climber carries a load. No wonder we have an automatic aversion to stairs.—Brandon Sun.

The horse is disappearing from the farm, and may soon be gone from the city. In Outremont, for example, the City Council has voted to raise the licence fee for a horse used in business from five to one hundred dollars. Old Dobbin is not designed for modern traffic in a machine age. As a social appendage to the horse show or as a plaything for gamblers Dobbin will remain, but as a cog in the industrial world he is already covered with rust. It is better so for his was too often a painful experience.—London Free Press.

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Time was when a payroll amounted to no more than what a company paid its workers at the end of the week. Today, what with pensions, social security, insurance premiums, a host of other fringe benefits, there is a big payroll cost pile on top of the wages themselves. Just how big it is was reported last week by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, which studied 1953 fringe payment by 529 firms (each with 500 or more employees). From its sample the chamber put the total cost of fringe benefits for all U. S. companies at nearly \$25 billion a year. Average cost of a company: 19.7 per cent of the payroll or almost \$1 for every \$5 paid in wages.—Time Magazine.

SET DATE FOR CODE OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's revised Criminal Code, bringing together in one volume the country's criminal law, becomes effective April 1, 1955. An extra edition of the Canadian Gazette Saturday announced the effective date.

Old Charlottetown

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MILL VIEW ACTIVITIES

"Mill View is a pretty little village, distant from Charlottetown about 12 miles, and received its name about sixty years ago on account of the grist and carding mills erected there by J. R. Bourke, Esq., Sr. The carding mill is still kept running day and night by Peter Bourke, Esq., and where the grist mill once stood, the new cheese factory owned by the Mill View Creamery Company, and superintended by Mr. Wire, now rears its form.

"At a short distance from the mill and cheese factory stands the village smithy, conducted by Mr. Donald McEachern, who for workmanship may be classed at Lloyd's, as shown by the liberal patronage he receives from the public.

"At the corner, where the Vernon River and Georgetown Roads meet, Mr. J. R. Bourke, Jr., of the Charlottetown City Hardware Store, has just erected a fine commodious building, in which he intends to carry on a general dry goods and grocery business, under the competent management of Mr. W. G. MacDonald. About four hundred yards from Mr. Bourke's new store is the factory of Mr. A. C. Smith & Son., carriage builder. This firm have the reputation of turning out carriages (including single and double wagons and buggies) which are second to none on P. E. Island. The other morning the writer saw a Charlottetown gentleman purchase and take from Mr. Smith's shop a buggy, which cost him \$140.—The Examiner, Aug. 14, 1882.

The Age Old Story

The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

TO ANSWER U. S. QUIZ LONDON (Reuters)—Dr. Hewlett Johnson, the "Red" Dean of Canterbury, this week will give sealed answers to questions from the United States subversive activities control board, a U. S. embassy spokesman said here Saturday. An agreed set of questions will deal with a tour he made of the U. S. after the Second World War under the auspices of the National Council of American-Soviet friendship.



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Uncanny Skysweeper

(George Fielding Bell, in Steelways)

On a sunny hilltop in Pennsylvania recently I saw what it's like to be a sitting duck without actually sitting. The duck in this case was an airplane in flight, but it might just as well have been a fixed target. The hunter that drew an unswerving radar controlled anti-aircraft gun, the uncanny Skysweeper.

As I looked up through the opened breach of the gun I saw the plane hanging in the bright sky, neatly centred in the gun muzzle. It stayed centred, though the gun kept moving—right, left, up, down. The plane was dodging and the gun was following it.

But no manoeuvre, however tortuous, would help the pilot escape that deadly pinpointing. The radar "eye" on the gun mount was following every move, reporting it to an electronic computer. The computer in turn controlled the movements of the gun. It would have controlled them on the darkest night or the foggiest day.

"Now watch this," said Tom Johnston, one of the project engineers who helped father the Skysweeper. He learned over and threw the gun control switch from "present" to "future." Instantly the gun muzzle snapped a foot or so to the right—and kept right on tracking the plane.

"Leading the duck," said Johnston. "That electronic brain is pointing the gun at the spot where the plane will be when the shell gets to it. If you think that's easy, don't forget the distance between the gun and the plane is changing all the time."

There are, in fact, only two human actions required by Skysweeper: Selecting the target and pressing the trigger. "Of course Skysweeper tells the gunner when to shoot," said Johnston. "She clicks in his earphones instead of yelling 'Fire!' but I suppose we could make her do that too if the army wanted it."

The thing had been talked of even before Pearl Harbor but the real need didn't arise until June, 1944, when the Germans presented us with the V-1 flying bomb. By this time, too, the Pacific campaign was swooping toward Japan and we might come within reach of home based Japanese air forces.

Major General Joseph A. Green's anti-aircraft command organized themselves. On July 27, 1944, funds were authorized for pilot modes of Skysweeper. It was decided to go on with Skysweeper but also to start a "crash" program to develop the gun without its radar fire control. Then came the collapse of Germany and the surrender of Japan here Saturday said.

The Poet's Corner

END OF SUMMER

The goldenrod is dusting gold Down every country lane. As complementary shades unfold, The purple asters stain The edges of the harvest fields. And quiet sweet contentment yields.

So summer sun and pools of shade, And many a freshening shower. A garden of the year have made By roadside, field and bower. And moons attune to holiday. Are crooning now an autumn lay. When Indian summer casts her spell.

Of haze, sun-gilded through and through, The harvests like bright rainbows tell. Their tales in purple, crimson, blue. This bounteous time gives latitude For mending nets of gratitude.

—Margaret L. Winchester in Christian Science Monitor.

DIVERS ADMIT HOAX

ANTIBES, France (Reuters)—Two Frenchmen admitted Saturday that their claim to have beaten the world deep-sea diving record was a hoax. In a letter Pierre Laporte, 31, and Andre Porto-Latine, 37, said they organized the hoax to show that control of deep-sea diving record attempts was inadequate.

FERRY UPSETS, 40 DIE YAOUNDE, French Cameroons, (Reuters)—About 40 Africans were drowned when a ferry overturned on the Sanaga river, reports reach here Saturday said.



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