

### Finds Charm Of Island Unspoiled Despite Changes

Revisiting this Province after several years, Col. Earl W. Thomson, senior professor of the department of electrical engineering at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, finds his favorite sections of Mill River and Fortune Cove unspoiled by modern changes and declares this part of the island the most lovely vacation area on the continent.

His wife, who is vacationing with him at Mr. Cecil Dennis' cottages at O'Leary, is equally enthusiastic. A Virginian, she finds the island scenery to be very much like the beautiful Piedmont section of her home State. They plan staying here until mid-August, and are renewing many old friendships formed by Col. Thomson during previous visits to the island.

Col. Thomson's mother, who now resides in the United States, was formerly Elizabeth Ann Hardy, of Lot 5, a daughter of George Hardy of Fortune Cove. Col. Thomson visited here regularly during the years 1895 to 1910, spending his vacations on his grandfather's farm at Fortune Cove. His great-grandfather, Solomon Hardy, once operated a mill at Montrose Pond on the Kildare Road and when the family moved to Fortune Cove they acquired a section of the old Herwood estate. An uncle of Col. Thomson, Mr. Ira D. Hardy, still resides on this farm. His son and daughter, with another relative, Mrs. John Johnson of St. Eleanor's, accompanied the Thomsons on a visit to Charlottetown yesterday.

Col. Thomson is senior among some 200 civilian members of the Naval Academy faculty at Annapolis, which also has 3000 officers-instructors, with a total of 3,700 midshipmen enrolled.

During the war Col. Thomson served with the U.S. anti-aircraft command in London, and subsequently as intelligence officer with the famous 8th Bomber Command. He received the Legion of Merit award for his work in connection with the setting up of a computation system for flack analysis. This system is still being used by the U.S. forces, in operations in Korea. Later he served in the headquarters staff at Washington and also with the chief of flack intelligence service in the Pacific area.

Col. Thomson states that in all his travels he has found nothing more lovely than Prince Edward Island, particularly the western section. "I know it is necessary to move with the times," he said; "but the unspoiled natural charm of the Island is its chief attraction and I hope this will always be kept in mind, in catering to summer visitors."

### Strange But True

Pure water, in its true sense, is sterile, and therefore devoid of life.

A speckled trout yields something like 800 eggs for every pound in weight. This would lead one to believe that a trout stream would soon be overrun with fish. However, the mortality is so great, that no more than a tenth of the eggs ever survive to reach maturity. The enemies of fish eggs are legion, from wild and tame fowl, they range to beetles, dragonflies and so on ad infinitum.

In 1889 there appeared in a herd of Hereford cattle at Atchison, Kansas, an animal without horns. This single beast was the founder of the race of polled Herefords.

And the navel orange has been derived from a single tree brought to the U.S.A. by the Department of Agriculture from Bahia, Brazil.

The truck-garden region about Chicago is the greatest cabbage growing area in the world.

The jaws of a pike are fitted with seizing teeth and swallowing teeth. The latter are on the roof of the fish's mouth and so inclined towards the back that the struggles of its prey only tend to send it down the lane from which no traveler ever returns.

In the Arctic, Eskimo seal hunters often use sound effects to decoy seals. A rather curious creature, the seal is easily lured by any unusual sound. A crudely covered wooden seal from whose head pieces of ivory rattle is the decoy most commonly used.

Spiders usually choose the south side of an object to build their nests or rather to erect their webs, and this, of course, is the driest and warmest side.

Go to the fields and woods and you may see some of nature's compasses. The feathery tips of pines and hemlocks nearly always point in an easterly direction. Goldenrods point their heads to the north. Another wild compass plant is the Rosin weed whose leaves point north and south. The heads of most plants are inclined to follow the sun. Not the Rosin weed. Even at night the traveler can get his directions by feeling the leaves.

Also chosen by nature to point directions is the prickly-lettuce (*Lactuca scariola*). It indicates north and south, which is about all the modern compass can do, as its needle doesn't point directly to the north pole, but is diverted by a great magnetic influence that lies in the Boothia peninsula in Northern Canada. This is some 1,400 miles south of the North pole.

In Northeastern United States the compass needle really points west of north, while in the south and west it points east of north.

### Consider this when making long journeys or better still get an accurate map which indicates both the true and magnetic north in relation to the region they portray.

So far as the statistics of human inebriety go, it appears that the offsprings of moderate and even excessive drinkers are in no way inferior to the general run of children.

It is true, however, that there is a high percentage of defective children from parents who are addicted to alcoholic debauches. This sounds like a contradiction of statement until we learn that alcoholism is a symptom rather than a cause. It denotes a high degree of nervous degeneracy.

Ad in Guilford, Maine, Register: For Sale: One new milk goat, very gentle and a nice milker, \$20. Have to sell her to an individual. Can't sell her to the Government because they have got so many people's goat that they already have a bigger surplus problem than potatoes.

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The early Indians drew splendid maps on birch bark by using pieces of charcoal. Those maps show accurately the streams and lakes as well as places where good hunting could be had.

Did you know that the tempo of the cricket's song serves the place of a thermometer? No? Well it does, and here's how you may check up. Count the number of cricket chirps in 60 seconds and subtract 40. Divide the result by four and add 50. This gives you the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Try it. You'll find out that the insect never varies more than 2 or 3 degrees with a good thermometer.

TOKYO, July 25—(Reuters)—A "fairly strong" earthquake today rocked the northern part of Honshu, the main Japanese island, and Hokkaido, the northern island. No damage was reported.

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THE REGULAR Prayer Meeting and Bible Study will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Brookfield, Thursday evening as usual at 8 P. M.

P. W. G. EXAMINATIONS—The name of Louis McKenna of Mermald School was inadvertently omitted from the list of successful candidates published last Saturday.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of the Provincial Sanatorium gratefully acknowledge a most generous gift of books from the estate of the late Miss Alexandra Scott. These books are of the highest type and will be a splendid addition to the Sanatorium library.

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ENGAGEMENT—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Peters, Rollo Bay, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Mary Ramona, to L.A.C. Kenneth Felix Doucette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Doucette, Rollo Bay, marriage to take place August the eighteenth at St. Alexis Church, Rollo Bay.

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MOST UNUSUAL—The ancient query of "What comes first—the chicken or the egg"—might well be replaced by "What comes first, the yolk or the white". Scientifically speaking, the white grows from the yolk. But now it is wondered! Mr. Hugh Simpson, Sr., City, was breaking open a hard-boiled egg for lunch, a large Grade A egg, but to his amazement no yolk could be found—just a 100% "white" egg! The Poultry Division of the Department of Agriculture comments: "Most unusual".

AT ROTARY—Mr. Paul Cudmore gave a most interesting talk on the water safety program of the Red Cross at Rotary yesterday and outlined the work being carried on in 32 communities throughout the Province. The chairman yesterday was R. H. Rogers with co-chairman Ralph Jones. Guests present were Rotarians George MacRae, Yonkers, N.Y.; Fletcher Troop, St. John's, Newfoundland; John Argue, Ottawa; J. L. Pegem, Montreal; Earl Thomson, Annapolis; Mrs. Rev. Melville Aitken, Hamilton, Ont.; Lew Christie, Truro, N.S.; Wallace MacKay, Hamilton, Bermuda. Guests of Rotary were Rev. J.S. Bonnell, New York City; Sqdn. Leader L. P. S. Bing, Ottawa; John Pettigrew, Yonkers, N.Y.; Benjamin Rogers, Dept. External Affairs, Ottawa; Albert Werenfels, Montreal.




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### Oratory Of "Reluctant Candidate" Impresses Democratic Convention



GOV. ADLAI STEVENSON The "reluctant candidate" of the Democratic party, Adlai Stevenson, shows in these four poses the technique of winning support at the Chicago convention. The governor of Illinois is recognized as a skillful orator who achieves an impression of sincerity as he speaks. Democrats, conscious of the colorful personality of Gen. Eisenhower, the Republican candidate, are openly stating that Stevenson is the one person who could win the Nov. 4 election against Ike.

### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear Mother, Mrs. Thomas Noonan, who passed away July 29th, 1950.

Dear Mother, you are not forgotten, Though on earth you are no more, Still in memory you are with us, As you always were before.

Lovingly Remembered by Daughter, Mrs. Robert LeClair and Granddaughter, Patricia Anne.

### PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Small returned to the Island Sunday evening from their honeymoon spent in Palisades, N. Y.

The many friends of Mrs. LeRoy Howatt, trapped, are sorry to learn that she is a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital, and wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yeo, and Mrs. Margaret Carruthers of Red Mill, Quebec, are visiting relatives and friends in O'Leary and vicinity.

Mrs. Vera Melvin and Mrs. Gordon Wilbur have returned to their homes after attending the Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. George Morrison of Charlottetown left on Friday morning by motor to visit friends and relatives in Concord, N. H.

Mrs. Catherine Trainor, Valley Street, Charlottetown, has as her guests last week her son Thomas, and Mrs. Trainor and their three little boys, Frankie, Johnnie and Bobbie, of Moncton, N. B.

The Misses Roma and Inez Gass, who are taking a summer course at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B., spent the

### A Country Garden

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the broad attractive foliage. Begonias delight in a rich soil and I have found that after they have grown into a large tuber that a large container is best, the soil must always be kept moist but not wet. In raised beds in a shady protected place from high winds they will be a joy all summer. When frost comes they should be lifted and stored in boxes in a dry cool basement.

The Multiflora Begonia is a strain that has been bred to produce hundreds of medium sized flowers per plant, instead of a limited number of the giant flowers. Beds and borders planted with the Multiflora Begonias are more colorful and brilliant because of the greater masses of blooms that are carried well above the foliage. They also are able to withstand heat and direct sunlight better than the other types. The bulbs may be kept from year to year and they increase in size.

The large varieties come in single-crested, double-frilled, ruffled, rose formed and the Camellia type is the loveliest of all. Begonia Penzance is an exquisite type for hanging baskets, window baskets, window boxes or pots. It is trailing and a continuous bloomer. There are so many flowers blooming at this time that I must leave them until next week, wishing you much joy in your own gardens.

"A garden is our happiest means for evoking Nature's mystic, as well as Nature's sensible music. It is in itself the consummate eloquence of the living silence of sunlight, a silence in which sunlight, with the aid of earth's elements, expresses itself in the lovely color of flowers."

—Scott.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL HELD

—One in a series of entertainments for the new school was held at Indian River on Wednesday evening, July 23rd, and was very capably presided over by Mrs. Grace Easter, Mrs. William Hickcy, Mrs. Bernard A. MacLellan, Mrs. Frank Shea, and Mrs. Hubert Gillis.

An abundance of delicious ice cream with the various trimmings, and lunches and hot-dogs were available and the very large crowd in attendance disposed of all supplies.

Lively music by the Campbell orchestra was supplied and everyone enjoyed a few hours of "Steppin' to the music". The efforts of those willing workers to make all welcome were rewarded with a very substantial sum for the new school.

### Youth Day Program For Old Home Week Now Being Planned

A combined effort on the part of the Departments of Education, Agriculture and National Resources to make the opening day of Old Home Week a success has developed a working committee thoroughly competent to achieve that end.

Designated "Youth Day" and set apart from 8.30 a.m. until late afternoon, with periods of approximately 15 minutes each devoted to the varied interests of the young people, the round of activities will be highlighted by a vaudeville show to which there will be no admission charge.

While the complete programme will not be determined until Thursday when the committee meets again, tentative arrangements indicate that speakers and demonstrators from the different Departments involved, both provincial and federal, will take part in the activities respecting dairy cattle, beef and dual purpose cattle, horses, sheep, swine, poultry, forestry demonstration, silo demonstration, fish and game, potter wheel, weaving and cheese making.

At 11 a.m. a series of interesting films will be shown, lasting about one hour.

A cross section of Government officials and officers constitute the committee with Mr. Maurice Deacon as chairman. Other members are: Hon. Eugene Cullen, E. D. MacPhail, Bramwell Chandler, R. C. Parent, Dr. J. P. Lantz, Harold Clay, Miss Mary Robln, W. S. McMurty, J. W. G. Nicholson, with Dr. J. P. Lantz and H. J. Kennedy from the Exhibition Association.

### CLYDE RIVER W. I.

On Monday evening, July 21st, the regular meeting of the Clyde River Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. John Beer with 10 members and one visitor present. Mrs. Watson Livingston presided.

Meeting opened by repeating the "Creed" in unison, and the roll call was responded to by each member telling what she remembered about her first day at school. Next roll call is to be answered by passing in a "Get-well card."

### YOUTH DAY PROGRAM

Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed, and Mrs. John Darrach gave a report of the ice cream social; the net proceeds amounted to \$28.20. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to John Gillespie for kindly bringing out the ice cream and returning containers. All bills were ordered paid.

The members who attended the district convention which was held at Long Creek gave a report of the meeting. Collection amounted to \$13.30 and one new member was welcomed.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Harry MacLean.

Mrs. Reginald MacKinnon was asked to give a paper on "Drama." The meeting closed by singing "The Queen" and lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed by all.

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