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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew" "The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink".

CHARLOTTETOWN MONDAY, SEPT. 28, 1953 Bogus "Peace" Ballot

Communist propagandists are trying, and with some success, to prostitute some of the most treasured words in our language, such as "peace", "democracy" and "freedom" to their alien philosophy.

Commenting on the above propaganda, the Winnipeg Free Press recalls the notorious Stockholm peace petition which was circulated while many Canadian citizens were enjoying their summer holidays.

Decline Of The Gaelic

Rapid decline in speaking of the Gaelic among Scots Highlanders has a definite economic significance, according to David Kirk in the Christian Science Monitor.

"Like a ghost, the problem of depopulation lay behind all the discussions on the dangers to Gaelic culture (at the Celtic Congress in Glasgow last month).

"It is a fact disturbing to the Gaels that the second and third generations of emigrants, especially to places in Britain, gradually lose not only the language but the interest to try to keep it alive."

The Trans-Canada Highway

It is expected that by the onset of winter about one quarter of the 5,000 miles of the trans-Canada highway will have been completed.

"Each year expenditure on the new road has been increased. Last year it was \$35m., this year \$50m. Under the agreement signed in December, 1949, half the cost to a maximum of \$300m. is borne by the Government of Canada, and the remainder by the provinces.

spring of 1950, and more detailed examination has revealed difficulties of terrain and soil. "The completion date of 1956 has also proved an optimistic target.

"Most of the provinces are sufficiently prosperous to be able to take the highway in their stride but the provinces of the Atlantic seaboard—Newfoundland and the Maritimes (Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick)—are less favorably situated.

"The highway presents a more formidable undertaking to Newfoundland, the newest of Canada's 10 provinces. No continuous road, now exists across the island, where the only land link is the railway from Port aux Basques on the southwest coast to St. John's, the capital on the east coast.

"The highway will vary in width from 20 ft. to 24 ft. throughout its whole length. Most of the surface will be bituminous; parts will be concrete. Bends and other obstacles to visibility are being eliminated as far as possible to permit speeds of 50 miles an hour in most sections.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A wet summer such as this year's one proved to be gets very little appreciation from anyone. Cattle, at least, have benefited by it however, the Experimental Farm in Charlottetown finding that steers continue to make good gains when other years they would have already been taken off pasture.

When it comes to transportation, Summerside misses no bets. In addition to possessing a fine airfield, the town is having its waterfront improved by the deepening of the government wharf and proposes to use rock from that operation to provide downtown parking space for motor vehicles.

The news that some 5,000 Newfoundlanders have given up fishing because of the low price of codfish is shocking at a time when most of Canada is enjoying unparalleled prosperity.

Henry Arthur Jones, English playwright, was born this date 1851. Early in his career as a playwright he was something of a pioneer, but gradually he settled down to parlour-comedy in which he continually preached a morality whose criterion was "What will people think?"

The half a million men and 300 ships from nine nations taking part in Operation Mariner provide a very satisfactory substitute indeed for the Royal Navy of the last century which kept the peace in the far corners of the world.

Big Enough To Join The Scrimmage



The Poet's Corner

EDINBURGH A bonny burgh is Edinbro', the city brave and bright That spreads in green and gray below the castle on the height;

You'll see the ancient Canongate, you'll see the house of Knox, With churches here and churches there, all strictly orthodox;

You'll see the marble statue of the Wizard of the North; You'll see the cantilever bridge that spans the Firth of Forth,

A noble bridge, yet when 'twas done the builders cursed their lots Because it wasn't patronized by Mary Queen of Scots.

A blessing on the bonny burgh and all it holds enshrined, On every house of native rock, on every close and wynd, And send it good historians to clear whatever blots May rest upon the memory of Mary Queen of Scots!

—Arthur Guiterman

Old Charlottetown

And P. E. L.]

SERVICE VIA WEST POINT

"Mr. G. Girard, M.P., and other influential citizens of Kent, it is said, are interesting themselves in the project of having a steamer route opened up between P. E. Island and Richibucto, on the completion of the Kent Northern Railway.

The Age Old Story

No, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

The Public Forum

DR. SCHURMAN'S CALLING CARD

Sir.—A monument was unveiled in 1951 at Freetown, P. E. I., to the memory of a great Islander, Jacob Gould Schurman.

"The insurgents had stripped the old man of everything, except the sacred vessels (hidden), his robes and integrity. Some years after these occurrences took place, I took command of native troops stationed at this same town—San Jose.

I found the people good-natured and friendly; although they did charge me 5c for a dozen eggs when the going price was 3c a dozen. A good fat hen cost me 15c, although the regular price was 10c.

"This is a calling card of His Excellency, Jacob Gould Schurman, Ambassador of the United States." I am, Sir, etc. MICHAEL J. BYRNE, Iona, Queens County.

Modern Report Cards

(Edmonton Journal) We hardly know what to think of a news report from Victoria that Education Minister Tilly Rolsen has decided that British Columbia parents will require special instruction in order to understand their children's report cards.

In the dear old uncomplicated days of not so very long ago, before "progressive" education, the enterprise system, and the like, a child's report card simply carried letters in the lower grades and percentage marks in the upper. A parent was expected to know about his child's social attitudes, character development, whether he was neat and tidy, whether he was cooperative with his fellows, and so on.

FLOWMEN ARRIVE

MONTREAL (CP)—Four Norwegian plowmen, scheduled to test their skill against the best Canada and other countries have to offer, arrived Saturday aboard the liner Ascania.

LONDON (CP)—Rev. John Wedmore, vicar of a Blackheath church is looking for parishioners willing to contribute small amounts in order to make a recording of the choir's performance.

Notes By The Way

Angler of those surveys shows that women are talking slower now, but just as constantly. —Bradford Sun.

Darned if we're going to tell the kids again this fall about how old Jack Frost comes around with his little paint pots and colours the leaves if they're going to look at each other and wink the way they did last year.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Every read the Scottish classic: "Wee MacGregor?" Or Neil Munro's "The Daft Days?" Mon, ye wud enjoy them. For they are written in the rich, expressive idiomatic speech of the Highlands and the Lowlands.

There is a spirit of independence and self-sufficiency about the Lunenburgs of this part of Canada. Perhaps their spirit is a reflection of a certain yet undefinable something which seems to cling to people who live on islands or near-islands.

Trees that grow ten feet in one year have been produced by the Research Division of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests at its Southern Research Station at Maple, near Toronto.

Hunters will greet with regret an announcement by the department of lands and forests research workers that the partridge, or ruffed grouse, is on a downward cycle.

The winds inside the spiral of a tornado, often reaching 500 miles an hour, produce some seemingly supernatural results. Blades of grass are blown into fence posts; straws are driven into tree trunks to the depth of an inch; the suction of the tornado funnel strips the feathers from chickens and dains the water from wells.—Readers' Digest.

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