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Our Tourist Charms

Prince Edward Island's tourist attractions are featured in today's issue, and the more we think about them the more we are convinced that if it wasn't for the happy fortune of being here already in Canada's loveliest summer playground, we'd be planning an extended visit to it right away!

This has become a highly competitive business indeed. Now it's Spitzbergen that's setting its cap for the tourist trade, and we must admit that it really has something unique to offer in its North Pole Hotel, which opens its doors to guests for the first time this year.

We can afford to give it this publicity, because who would want to go there if they could come here? In any case, the North Pole Hotel's capacity is very limited, and bookings for both this summer and 1966 are already heavy.

That's another free puff, but we'll let it go. Anyone who would prefer those attractions to our sandy beaches and ozone-laden breezes, our lush meadows and charming campsites, is welcome to them.

A Timely Subject

The problem of absenteeism in the House of Commons has many angles, and one not usually brought to public attention was dealt with the other day by Mr. Macquarrie, junior member for Queens, in speaking on the proposals for reforming House rules of procedure.

"The question of absenteeism," he said, "has drawn the attention of the press and there are some reporters who attach such great importance to the number of members who are present when votes are taken that they consider this calculation an exhaustive discussion of political matters."

No one will gainsay Mr. Macquarrie's conscientiousness in this matter, nor indeed that of our Island and Maritime MPs generally. Few if any of these could be listed among the habitual truants from their duties at Ottawa.

In other words, proper time should be set for adjournment. This is quite true, but it does not cover the whole absentee problem, nor the feature of it which has most provoked public criticism.

It would be better for the Opposition to withhold such motions if they intend to conspire through absenteeism to ensure their defeat. The public isn't fooled thereby, thanks to the analysis to which the press subjects these sham votes every time they are taken.

New Garden Tool

Arthritis and gardening do not easily go together, but a retired London businessman who suffers from this disability, but was determined not to give up gardening, has spent six years developing an all-purpose tool designed to aid others with similar handicaps.

Reporting in a BBC world service program, the inventor explained that his product was based on a single 3-foot 6-inch handle with a patent toolholder at the end, which would take spade, fork or hoe, each of which could be fitted at a variety of angles to provide the equivalent of 16 normal gardening tools.

For example, with the spade, the gardener did not have to push the blade into the ground using his shoulders, arm and foot, and then pull it back and bend to lift the load.

Essentially, the action—whichever tool one is using—means that one works forward instead of leaning backwards. And every job can be done in this way, from digging to weeding and trimming.

But there are some who will say that this still involves a good deal of work. Those who would like to do their gardening while lolling in a hammock, for example, or snoozing under a tree—it doesn't solve their problem at all!

EDITORIAL NOTES

French author Jean-Francois Revel on de Gaulle: "General de Gaulle is right in saying he incarnates France, but he is probably wrong to congratulate himself on that fact."

Britain's first balloon race in nearly half a century was held the other day outside Oxford. There were nine entrants, from all over Europe and the United States. The winner: a 72 year old Frenchman, Charles Dollfus.

There are a lot of complaints about the quality of television programs. An American politician put the issue frankly when he said: "What worries me is that there are so many people in this country who are willing to watch the same kind of television junk I do."



EVERY TIME HE GETS SET UP

LIFE ON AN ICEBERG

Abandoned After Four Years' Occupancy

A Navy icebreaker has now removed all scientists from Arlis II, a doomed "island" of ice that has wandered around the Arctic Ocean for years.

The huge iceberg was first spotted 130 miles north of Point Barrow, Alaska, in 1961. The United States Office of Naval Research established a scientific station aboard the berg and named it Arlis II, an abbreviation of Arctic Research Laboratory Ice Station II.

Over the four years that scientists lived on Arlis II, it meandered continuously about the Arctic Ocean. At one time, wind and current pushed it toward Siberia. By early 1965 the ice mass had drifted more than 5,000 statute miles from the point where men first went aboard.

In mid-May, 1965, the Navy icebreaker Edisto completed evacuation of the 18 men and took off most usable equipment. Three radio beacons were left transmitting so the island's future course can be traced at least for a while.

On discovery, Arlis II measured about four by two miles. A large part split off in the summer of 1961. In the spring of 1965 its size had shrunk to two by one and a half miles. Ice thickness had dwindled from 80 feet to 50 feet.

No one knows how long Arlis II wandered around the Arctic before its discovery, but it

PUBLIC FORUM

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CLEAN-UP NEEDED

Alongside of the Trans-Canada Highway in Carleton is a community dump used by Carleton and Borden which dump is a disgrace to both communities. Borden has a town council to act for the town. Carleton not being an incorporated village has no one unless the Women's Institute will take on the task of bringing order out of chaos.

Perhaps they could get together with the Borden Town Council and arrange to have a man collect garbage and take it to the dump. This is done at Bedeque and the village is always clean and tidy. Of course a fee for this service would have to be paid. But would any public minded citizen object?

Another thing: the teachers at Carleton School might ask the trustees to install containers at the school for rubbish and papers, also instruct and encourage the children to "place" papers, etc., there instead of strewn such litter along the road; in fact many crownroops could take a hint and also cease being litterbugs. The sides of the roads are not the place for old papers, fertilizer bags and other such items. Other districts are on the alert. Will Carleton lag behind?

Possibly the ladies of Carleton will lead the way to a move for incorporation and a village council. We might have a sewerage system then, which would eliminate danger of water contamination which could be possible under present conditions.

I am only one of several who have these thoughts.

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Heart Beat Skipping

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Many people are aware that their heart skips a beat now and then. This is more likely to happen when resting and when the rate is slow. Premature contractions are of little consequence and so common that we might regard the irregularity as normal.

We assume that her physician examined the heart and suggested an electrocardiogram. Premature contractions often are caused by an irritable or impatient heart muscle. Common causes include fatigue and over-indulgence in tobacco, coffee, or tea. Drugs such as digitalis and epinephrine do the same.

Why does this irregularity produce the sensation that the old ticker is going to stop? This is best answered by describing what the physician hears with the stethoscope. The beats sound like: Lub dub — lub dub — lub dub. Immediately following the last dub, a loud LUB DUB occurs followed by a

New French Proposal

By Harold Morrison Canadian Press Staff Writer

In seeking world support to double the official price of gold, Jacques Rueff, monetary adviser to French President de Gaulle, has made an inviting offer to Britain that treasury men might find hard to resist—a big multi-billion-dollar loan to protect the pound for the next 20 years.

Normally such a powerful life saver might send the British Treasury men into ecstasy. The pound still seems wobbly even with the \$2,400,000,000 resources in loans and credits provided Britain by the International Monetary Fund.

But the unofficial French proposal, involving Britain's support to put pressure on Washington to double the gold price, undoubtedly will be turned down. British officials see no possibility of Britain pulling herself out of a foreign trade deficit this year or next seems unlikely.

"Anti-Federal Attitude"

Victoria Daily Times

Premier Bennett seems to be dedicated to a long, uphill struggle to persuade the people of British Columbia to feel a resentment against Canada.

His charges of federal discrimination against this province, of deliberate efforts by Ottawa to create a gulf between nation and province, his list of alleged instances of federal support wrongfully withheld from various highway and public works projects, and his high-tension diatribes against the federal government for its opposition to his efforts to put his provincial administration into the banking business—all these have failed to stir any enthusiasm among the people.

Mr. Bennett might as well recognize it—British Columbians are Canadians; they are part of the nation against whose government he so loudly rails. They will not be led astray by emotional appeals designed to weaken their allegiance to Confederation.

The War He Cannot Win

Montreal Gazette

One of the world's most brutal but least known, wars has been raging in the impoverished country of Yemen for over two years. It might, with justice, be called Nasser's War, for it is 50 thousand Egyptian troops who are responsible for its continuation and for many of its worst atrocities.

President Nasser intervened to support a Republican revolution against the traditional, feudal, royalist regime—a revolution that he is believed to have instigated.

Nasser probably believed that his army would face only a short campaign, that it would have nothing to do but mop up the remnants of royalist resistance.

Needed Before Chinese

London Free Press

Perhaps it can charitably be put down to spring fever that the Modern Language Committee of the Ontario Curriculum Institute has seriously suggested that Chinese—of all languages—should be taught in honor and general courses in all Ontario universities, and subsequently in secondary schools as well.

Help For U.S. Hospitals

Milwaukee Journal

At a time when many unskilled young people and adults are unemployed, the hospitals of the country are in critical need of nursing aides, kitchen and laundry workers, housekeepers and other nonprofessional workers.

To open up work opportunities for some 4,000 of the jobless and help the hospitals get the workers they need, the federal government has just entered into a \$1.6 million on the job training agreement with the research and educational trust of the American Hospital Association.

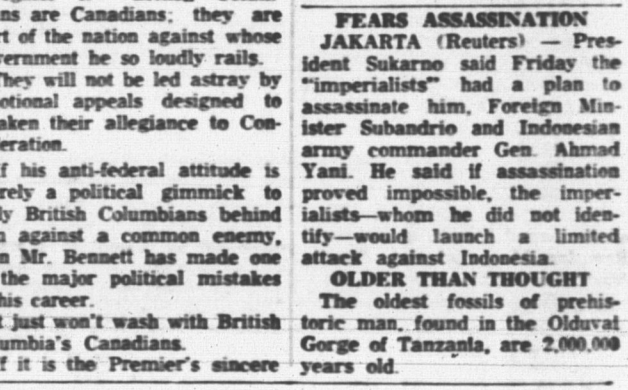
It is the largest on the job training contract that has been negotiated under the three year old manpower development and training act.

The trust is advising the nation's 7,000 hospitals of the program and will select 300 from the applications it receives. Several Milwaukee hospitals are greatly interested.

world supply of American dollars which could be traded for American gold, the U.S. has imposed restrictions on the export of American capital. This has tended to put an added burden on sterling to finance world deals and the British government has moved to impose restrictions of its own. Nevertheless, Rueff concludes that even with these British-American restraints, the sterling-dollar situation resembles the situation "which provoked the great depression of 1931."

art from odds and ends

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