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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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Highlanders And Islanders

A striking feature of the address of Major Calum I. N. Macleod to the Caledonian Club of Prince Edward Island was the parallel between conditions as he described them in the Highlands and the problems facing this Island as they are well known to his audience.

The lure of the cities continues to drain highland farmstead and fishing village of youth, a problem that can only be met by making it both economically desirable and socially attractive to remain in the Highland area.

Adult education and technical training are encouraged to enable young people to support themselves in their own localities at either full-time or part-time employment.

The small population of the Highlands in proportion to the rest of the country works strongly against claims for necessary public works and the lack of adequate communications and other facilities in turn tends to keep the population small.

There were many other points raised by the speaker who is Gaelic advisor to a Nova Scotia government department. If he had deliberately set himself the task of comparing the economic problems which are being faced and overcome by Prince Edward Island and the Highlands of Scotland he could not have produced more striking similarities.

Tragic Passing

Citizens who had the pleasure of meeting former Governor Kim Sigler of the State of Michigan during his visit here last August were shocked on reading yesterday of his death, with three companions, in a plane crash at Battle Creek.

"It has been my good fortune over the past few years to have flown my own plane into almost every nook and corner of the western hemisphere from the tip of South America to the Arctic Circle. In all those miles I have never found a more peaceful and enjoyable spot than Prince Edward Island. Coming across from the mainland we were flying about six thousand feet, the sky was clear, the visibility was unlimited and there lying before us was that beautiful expanse of well-improved farm lands as far as the eye could see.

"When I was within radio distance of the airport I called on my two-wave radio and was immediately impressed with the friendliness of the operator whom I had never met or seen. From then on during our entire stay that same spirit of friendliness prevailed."

The above tribute was quoted in full in the Senate Chamber on November 25 by Hon. J. P. McIntyre, in the course of an address in which the advantages of the Island from a tourist standpoint, as well as our farming, fishing and other activities, were attractively outlined.

This Province has lost a good friend in ex-Governor Sigler's untimely death, and his native State an outstanding citizen who, before turning to politics, had won renown as a public prosecutor in sending numerous legislators and lobbyists to prison for

bribery. As noted by Senator McIntyre, after his visit here Mr. Sigler had addressed an American audience on his pleasant experience in Prince Edward Island, and he was looking forward to an early renewal of the friendships he had made here.

New National Library

Construction of Canada's new National Library Building will start at Ottawa either in the summer or autumn of 1954, according to an announcement in the first annual report of the National Librarian, tabled in the Commons last week by State Secretary Pickersgill and compiled by Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, National Librarian.

Cost of the building, which will take three or more years to complete, is placed at between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000. Dr. Lamb states that a very large amount of preparatory work is required in order that the collection of books and the new Librarian's staff can move in efficiently and in an orderly manner to the new building.

- 1. Estimating the space and facilities required in a National Library building.
2. Compiling a National "master" catalogue of books for the new Library.
3. Compiling a monthly catalogue of new publications, either themselves Canadian or related to Canada.
4. Microfilming of rare books and periodicals.

It is noted in the report that there are some 35 federal government departmental, branch and division libraries. Catalogues of the books in these collections are being copied and incorporated in the "master" book catalogue. The monthly catalogue of new publications of Canadian origin is not only valuable to the National Library itself, but is in considerable demand throughout Canada.

Under the terms of the National Library Act, Canadian publishers are required to forward to the National Librarian, two copies of every book they publish. Dr. Lamb says that with very few exceptions, the publishers comply cheerfully with this section of the Act.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Icy streets can no longer depend upon effective braking and in the interest of safety must considerably reduce driving speeds.

Charlottetown citizens will have an opportunity of comparing handicraft work in this Province with that of the rest of the Maritimes. While the Maritime exhibit remains open a brief showing of the products of the occupational therapy activity at Falconwood Hospital will also be made.

The preliminary music festival planned for Summerside is the natural outgrowth of the success of the Provincial Music Festival. This and, it is to be hoped, other preliminary festivals should enable the ever increasing number of contestants to have a hearing without unduly burdening the syllabus of the Provincial Festival.

Sir Winston Churchill is due to arrive in Bermuda today to play host to Premier Joseph Laniel who is to arrive Thursday and President Eisenhower who is due Friday. There are no exaggerated hopes for what may come out of the meeting but on the other hand there is no cynical discounting of its usefulness.

Sir Sidney Lee, editor of the Dictionary of National Biography, was born this date 1859. He contributed numerous articles to the work and wrote the memoirs of Edward VII. His other works include "Stratford-on-Avon from the Earliest Times to the Death of Shakespeare," "A Life of William Shakespeare," "A Life of Queen Victoria" and "Great Englishmen of the 16th Century."

At the request of the National Department of Health and Welfare the Canadian Red Cross Society has undertaken the collection of blood for the manufacture of gamma globulin to help in the fight against polio in addition to its ordinary commitments to supply blood needed by patients in our local hospitals as well as for the armed services overseas and the civilian defence stockpile.

Strong Arm Performance



The Poet's Corner

AT THE CROSSROADS

You to the left and I to the right, For the ways of men must sever— And it may be for a day and a night, And it will may be forever. But whether we meet or whether we part, For our ways are past our knowing— A pledge from the heart to its fellow heart, On the ways we all are going! Here's luck! For we know not where we are going.

—Richard Hovey

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

BELFAST IN 1771

From an anonymous letter dated "Island of St. John, Nov. 8," appearing in the London Gentleman's Magazine of 1771: "We arrived here safe the middle of August. I have since been over several parts of the Island which exceeds, in most respects, my expectations. I saw the remains of many barns, and other buildings for farmers, as large as any I remember in Berkshire, and the lands appear to be excellent for wheat, and all sorts of grain and herbage. There are many orchards, which produce very good apples, and other fruits; gooseberries, currants and strawberries seem to be natives of the Island, as they are met everywhere in abundance. Governor Patterson and his family arrived a few days after us; I have seen him several times; he seems good natured, and fit to struggle with the difficulties that most attend the settlement of such an infant colony.

"A man-of-war, called the Mermaid, loughed here; the Captain has got a fine lot of 20,000 acres, which has the good remains of a village upon it, with a church; it was called Prim by the French, but he intends to name it Belfast, after a village in Ireland. I mention this circumstance, as I landed on the spot and ate some excellent fruits of his orchard, which though overgrown with weeds, produce plenty, and there appear to be six or seven hundred acres of clear land belonging to it.

"The soil is very deep in many places of the Island, and must produce hemp and flax but all looks forlorn, for want of cultivation; however, the Island must soon wear a new face, if the Proprietors do their duty. There are about three hundred settlers come from England and Scotland this summer; those from Scotland brought a Presbyterian Parson with them, a very good sort of a man. People that come hither from Europe should set out in April, to have the summer before them, to provide houses and stock for the winter, which is now beginning to set in.

"The Island is upwards of 100 miles long, and about 30 or 40 broad, with many fine rivers that intersect the whole, and must make carriage easy. Here I am told are no fogs, as on the continent, which is a good circumstance. I wish other people were animated with the same spirit for settlements that I am; if that were the case, I think this Island, in a very few years, would make a great figure in the exports of corn, fish, pork, etc., but am afraid it will be kept back by people at home, who have got grants without intention of settling the land.

"I am in treaty for half a lot, or 10,000 acres, and expect to get it cheaper than if I had purchased in London. I now act with my eyes open, knowing the situation and quality of the lands to be good. We can have cattle, pigs, sheep, and good stock from the

Archaeology In Manitoba

(Winnipeg Free Press)

Manitoba is rich in archaeological history and the intriguing story of the past is now being interpreted in the light of ancient village sites, burial grounds and the like, with the Ice Age acting as the focal point for such studies.

Plainview Men, for example, are now known to have existed in the region some 10,000 years ago—following the recession of the glaciers but prior to the final drainage of glacial Lake Agassiz.

Relics of Indian culture of several hundred years have been uncovered while in the Rock Lake and Whiteshell areas the presence of a "mid-period," or lakeshore culture, dating back about 5,000 years has been determined. This mid-period culture is found only in the Highlands of Manitoba, never in the basins of the glacial lake, which indicates it too existed before the final drainage of Lake Agassiz.

The Provincial Government with the protection of such sites in mind, several years ago passed the Historic Sites Preservation Act, which prohibits all but qualified archaeologists from disturbing these historic links with the past.

Dr. Richard S. MacNeish, senior archaeologist with the National Museum at Ottawa, who in the past few years has done a considerable amount of archaeological work in Manitoba, has expressed concern over this. His suggestion is that for a relatively small sum fences could be built around the mosaics, with platforms surrounding the more accessible ones. These would provide an excellent view of the mosaics and would help protect them from vandals.

The Age Old Story

And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters. Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go.

RCAP MEETS

OTTAWA, (CP)—The RCAP Association, numbering 15,000 members across the country, announced Tuesday its 1954 annual convention will be held in Ottawa May 17 and 18. It is expected about 150 representatives of 78 wings from Halifax to Vancouver will attend.

P.E.I. FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE NOTICE OF COUNTY ANNUAL MEETINGS

QUEEN'S—FRIDAY, DEC. 4th—8 P.M. Legion Hall, Charlottetown

KING'S—WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9th—2 P.M. Public Hall, Bridgetown

PRINCE—FRIDAY, DEC. 11th—2 P.M. Public Hall, O'Leary.

- Information and discussion on:—
Potato marketing.
Cattle marketing, to be discussed by Mr. Roy Grant, Livestock Marketing Agent for Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.
Turnip marketing, (Queen's)
Electrification
Accident Insurance
Change in time of School ratepayers meeting
Closing time of liquor stores (Prince)
Election of Directors.

Notes By The Way

When Henry Ford invented the motor car he should have invented a portable parking space too. —London Free Press

The person who approaches everything in life with an open mind—whether it be something simple like food, something subtle like art or something complicated like politics—will certainly still find that there are things he does not like; but these will be genuine dislikes, not prejudices. And it is only for the person free of prejudice that life can really be full. —Hamilton Spectator.

One of the best examples of how immigrants to Canada are becoming Canadians in every sense of the word, and making major contributions to the greatness of the Dominion, was that demonstrated at the annual fall fair at Orangeville. Four Latvian-born youngsters took the cream of the prizes in the junior dairy class at the fair. The proud father, a practising dentist in Riga before becoming an Ontario farmer four years ago, said: "They raised the animals themselves on our farm at Amaranth and sure are proud to be Canadians." —Sudbury Star

The Canadian Government has made a constructive move in the interest of the Eskimos of the Eastern Arctic by the employment by the Resources Department of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Houston. It is a step in the direction of saving considerable numbers of worthwhile state paupers. It will tend to overcome the serious dislocation of Eskimo economy brought about by the practical disappearance of the caribou in some areas, the diminishing numbers of this and other game animals in others, and the disastrous fall in the market for Arctic fox skins. For already, within the rather straggled framework of a tentative understanding between the Government and the Canadian Handicrafts Guild, the Houstons have produced remarkable results in the past two years. —Montreal Gazette.

There is a topical note for St. Andrew's Day in the newspaper story of the Scottish firm which offered to procure several hundred whales' teeth to meet a deficiency

in Fiji, where these commodities are no longer used as currency, but where they still play a part in religious ceremonies. It is difficult to imagine off-hand where any firm could at a moment's notice procure even a dozen of such rare articles as whales' teeth, but the Scot is traditionally a resourceful individual, and the firm was apparently able to fulfill its undertaking. —Halifax Chronicle-Herald

This story comes from Rome, where an earnest young student in the Vatican Library was engaged in reading the works of a now-obscure philosopher who died 170 years ago. Plowing doggedly through the folio, he came suddenly upon a piece of paper on which was written, "The finder of this is advised to go to the Probate Court and look up File 162 R.I. Rome, February 6, 1784." The paper bore the deceased philosopher's signature; the student followed through on the file to discover that the author had left his entire fortune—now totalling some 300,000 pounds, to the first person sufficiently interested in his work to get so far through the volumes. The result of the student's windfall was two-fold: the student himself flew to the French Riviera, and the next day the rush on eighteenth-century philosophy topped in the Vatican Library resembled the first day's ticket sale for a new Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. —Bennett Cert, Saturday Review.

GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting of all those interested in the Federal Civil Servants Credit Union will be held in the Board Room of the P.E.I. Credit Union League on

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 2nd

At 7:30 p.m.

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