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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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Inner And Outer Zones

The division of Prince Edward Island into two zones, an inner and outer zone for freight rate purposes has been strongly fought by the Provincial Government and representatives of the potato industry...

The fact is that the simplicity of the single zone would be an advantage to the railway as well as to the potato industry. In an area as small as this Island a difference in freight rates between loading at one station and another does not so much make for more revenue as for an artificial difference in volume of freight handled.

The existence of the rate difference, however, does produce difference in costs of handling and a buyer cannot offer as much to a farmer in the outer zone as to one whose farm lies between Charlottetown and Summerside.

A Price To Pay

It can be assumed that among the matters causing concern to the leaders of the Western Powers is the obvious difference of opinion among them on a number of important issues. How to deal diplomatically with Communist China; what commodities in trade with Communist countries should be regarded as militarily strategic; how to fit a German army into a European alliance; how much credence should be given to Russian protestations of peace.

There would be no way for free-world leaders to hide their dissensions, even if they felt like doing so, so long as there is freedom of the press which, in turn, is one of the strong pillars of free and democratic government.

All of which is a simple reminder that nothing is really free, not even freedom itself. There is a price, large or small, attached to each and every fundamental right of man, but so long as it remains within the scope of freedom's law it will be accepted willingly and gladly.

Norwegian Labor Example

Our parliamentarians, now on the eve of boosting their own salaries at Ottawa, will probably be too busy to note the significance of a resolution recently passed by the national committee of the Norwegian Federation of Labor.

In the first place, it would likely be reflected in higher prices. These higher prices, in short order, would eat up the wage increases. Nor does the Federation, in the second place, believe that wages can be repeatedly forced up, so as to win the race with prices.

the world. It would do little good to force up prices at home in order to get higher wages, if, in the end, the products made for export cease to sell.

In other words, the Federation believes that it is just not possible to get higher wages out of unsold goods. Until economic conditions become clearer than they are now, the Federation recommends no general wage revision.

But a similar deficit, notes the Montreal Gazette, has opened up in Canada's foreign trade. Canadians are buying more goods from foreign countries than they are selling to them.

Timing Air Speeds

In an earlier era, notes an exchange, the timing of air speeds for record purposes was comparatively simple; but in this modern age of flight the speeds have become so great, and are continuously increasing, that the process of timing is now a precise art.

Nowadays the federation asks for two months' notice of a world-record attempt, and they hand over the task of controlling it to the national aeronautical club of the country concerned.

The timing is watched from two little huts by Royal Aero Club stewards, and there are two more stewards at each end of the course to watch and report that the plane carries out its run in level flight—one of the rules governing an attempt.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Luxembourg's National Day.

Tomorrow, the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany.

Usually the problem of having prisoners is that of holding them but the unfortunate Indian custodians find themselves faced with the problem of how to get rid of the ones the Communists decline to accept.

Senate approval of American participation in the St. Lawrence seaway scheme will presumably be followed by similar action by the House. The result will be that the seaway will become a reality at a considerably earlier date than if it had been proceeded with by this country alone.

The United Nations Association of Japan has presented a bell to the U. N. cast from coins of sixty different nations and Japanese metallic relics. The bell, 3 feet, 3 inches high and 2 feet in diameter may well become more famous than the Liberty Bell of the United States.

The lobotomy operations performed at Falconwood Hospital represent only one side of the extensive treatment now available for mental patients. The situation is most satisfactorily improved indeed from some years ago when care and detention was about all that could be provided locally.

At Rorke's Drift, Natal, a handful of British troops made a stand against a Zulu army this date 1879. Cetywayo, the Zulu king was about this time made prisoner by Major Carter and taken to England in 1882. Public opinion resulted in his being restored as king of the Zulus. He was deposed, however, by an old enemy.

Secretary of State Pickersgill is obviously correct in saying that there is no moral justification for applying Japanese assets in this country towards awards to prisoners-of-war now released from Korea. It would seem, however, that the Canadian Government might well make such compensation, not on the basis of international law but as reasonable compensation for hardships endured in the line of duty.

To Trim The Problem Neatly



PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

WINTER ROADS

Sir—I heartily agree with the "Reader" from Kensington regarding the laying up of cars and trucks once the snow arrives. The Government snow plows are a costly public service for all most people get in return. The great machine going through a narrow country road with half its mechanism fouled up because of the trees and clay banks on either side, makes a narrow cutting through the snow which cannot be made by any other means.

I am, Sir, etc.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH RUSSIA?

Sir—Russia has a good many defects. We are not all agreed on what are fundamental. Their perversity has so tried the patience of General Deane that he declared he would have no more to do with the Reds till they withdraw the charge against the U.S. that they had abducted Singman Rheo in freeing the prisoners. They have refused not only to withdraw the charge but they have kept repeating it. Now the U. S. is insisting on an apology and this is holding up all conference.

Herein is Russia's fundamental defect. They can't apologize. They won't repent. Every one else is wrong, but they, never. Is it pride or sheer stupidity? They make the most ridiculous charges and keep harping on them, thinking the world will believe their lies if they repeat them often enough. E.g.: that germ warfare charge has been disproved half a dozen ways, but they still keep it up. The great bulk of their propaganda is pure lies, so that now no one outside Russia will believe a word they say and now their own people are fast losing faith which may ultimately be their undoing.

Is not this what is wrong with the unregenerate world? They are determined not to repent. They haven't murdered any one. They have nothing to repent of. That is what denies God all chance of saving them. When John the Baptist came on the scene he cried "Repent, repent!" Jesus' first word was just that. "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," for he knew that unless they repented God could do nothing for them. The Pharisees did not like either John's or Jesus' preaching. They had nothing to repent of. "We keep the law," their minds were closed.

I had a man in one of my charges who would not repent. He had a standing quarrel with his neighbor over the line fence. He was guilty of bad behaviour several times, and one day his case became serious. They got into a fight and G, who was the younger man got E. down and when E's big son came along with a cant-dog in his hand which he swung over G's head and ordered him to let his father up, or -- When I heard this story I got a scare. Both were church members. We called them before the session not so much to punish G. as to try to make peace between them. E. came but G. refused. We suspended G. from communion. He was so angry he did not speak to me for a year. It is very unsafe for man or woman to live

Notes By The Way

Italy's new premier is called Amintore Fanfani. That name may not be suitable for a statesman. It would be a ludicrous one for a baseball player. —Windsor Daily Star

London, Eng., reports a minor heat wave, with thunderstorms and temperatures ranging up to 45 degrees. But even at that there's reason for a blazing fire on the jolly old hearth. —Windsor Daily Star

An employee of Pan American World Airways stationed in Accra, capital of the Gold Coast in West Africa, advertised that he wanted to rent a kerosene-operated refrigerator. He received a reply saying: "I have the honor most respectfully to submit this my humble

Stanley Bridge.

WHERE ARE WE DRIFTING?

Sir—Following the daily news many of the things we read makes one wonder where we are drifting. One item tells us the members of the Commons and Senate after careful study decided to raise their own pay by a few thousand each year. Another says great rockets will soon be travelling to the moon and back. One man says in fifty years return trips will be made to the moon while another man tries to build a gun to shoot the moon down from her high perch. Another tells us half a million people are out of work in Canada right now, while another big shot says that by January 31st, one million immigrants will have come to Canada to new homes and living. Of course never a day or a paper goes by without news of the Big Three or Big Four or Big Twenty-four Conference getting started with a few dozen big-wigs travelling around the world to different talks.

Only a short time ago hundreds fought in the streets here to see a local girl asleep in a store window and stood in line for hours to pay to see the man who could put people asleep. Plenty money for all this while so many go hungry and cold, while little children cry for help, while high salaried men without shame will shout over the radio and through the press to those who can't make a decent living to give more and more in salary for the talk.

This goes on for all kinds of drives for money last summer to pay the starving fishermen for their loss in the storms when they lost all their fishing gear; they could pay men to come here and see the damage. O yes, we saw it too and got nothing for our look at it. Maybe if we could get started on those trips to the moon we could get another million to come here to reside. We could check on the salaries of the officials who run the moon. Maybe we could get someone to do something about the billions of dollars' worth of food our swarms of rats are eating every year; they even travel to and from Europe free and live on the best.

Maybe we could get someone to do something about the hordes of foxes that are feasting on the farmers' hens and rabbits now. And we might get something done about a boat for Rocky Point to bring those good people to the city in short order, especially now when the trip around is anything but good.

With thousands of us working and having nothing to do with our own salaries, working in stores, factories and the like, where employers find the going tougher than ever before, one stops to wonder where are we drifting. I am, Sir, etc. WALTER A. O'BRIEN, Charlottetown.

application soliciting for an employment as a kerosene refrigerator in your department. I successfully passed the seventh standard at Oboden Methodist Middle School last year and hold a testimonial issued by the school master and documents testifying my character and ability. —New York Herald Tribune.

The "nimonic" alloys which turned the trick of supersonic jet production are of very great interest to Canada, for they require a range of materials which are comparatively rare, yet are being found more and more frequently in this country. The base is a nickel alloy. To it are added small amounts of titanium, aluminum and cobalt. As the demand for more speed and more power continues, the demands, already great, for such alloys will continue to grow. The importance of Canada's mineral riches already great, will continue to grow with the aviation industry. —Montreal Gazette.

The Poet's Corner

THE SONG OF SHADOWS

Sweep thy faint strings, Musician, With thy long lean hand; Downward the starry tapers burn, Sinks soft the waning sand; The old hound whimpers couched in sleep.

The embers smoulder low; Across the walls the shadows Come, and go. Sweep softly thy strings, Musician, The minutes mount to hours; Frost on the windowless casement weaves A labyrinth of flowers; Ghosts linger in the darkening air.

Hearken at the open door; Music hath called them, dreaming, Home once more. —Walter de la Mare.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

"This novelty in the game of Tennis was introduced on Saturday last at Victoria Park, and proved most interesting to both players and spectators. Five courts were used, and of these one was made King's Court, and another Booby Court. One game only was played at a time on each court, the players moving in a circle from court to court after each game, and changing partners every move. The players who won the most number at the King court and those who lost the most games at the Booby court received prizes. Among the lady players Miss M. Desbrisay won the King prize and Miss Beer the Booby prize. Mr. D. B. Stewart was the winner in the gentlemen's King prize and Mr. Wm. Thompson the Booby prize." —The Examiner, Sept. 10, 1988.

The Age Old Story

The king shall joy in thy strength, O Lord; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah. For thou prevented him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head. He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and ever.

The Passing Scene

By Observer THE "MORE THAN SECULAR"

It is fashionable these days to be able to claim membership in the Alumni of St. Dunstan's, a distinction which did not fall to my lot. However, the celebration of a College centennial is a public event of considerable importance, and that is why I do not hesitate to touch on it in this column.

When the progress of the College has coincided with that of the geographical area in which it is placed—certainly that can be said of St. Dunstan's—public interest in it is bound to be even further enhanced.

I suppose it would be impossible for anyone to gauge accurately the influence which St. Dunstan's has exercised upon the religious and cultural, and even the economic and political, life of this Province, since influence is an intangible quality. It is nevertheless a very real quality, and there can be no doubt on the part of anyone who has seen this Island owe a great deal to the men who founded St. Dunstan's as well as to those who have shaped its life and usefulness during the past century.

On a certain occasion during the later years of Bishop Kelly's episcopate in Oklahoma I happened to have dinner with a gentleman from that state. In the course of our conversation I mentioned the predominantly secular concept of our conversation I mentioned Prince Edward Island. "O yes," he said, "that's where all the priests come from!" I replied that, while this appeared to be a slight exaggeration, I was willing to go along with him on his general premise. He then asked me if I had had ever met Bishop Kelly and I was obliged to admit that I had not had that pleasure.

Everybody should know Bishop Kelly. I can't think of anyone in the State of Oklahoma who is so respected by all classes and creeds. My Oklahoma host's exaggeration aside, it is a fact that this Island has contributed a great number of priests to the service of the Church both at home and abroad. Most of them have been St. Dunstan's men. One does not have to be a Roman Catholic to feel that this contribution would warrant much of the labour and money which have been devoted to St. Dunstan's.

However, the providing of ecclesiastical material in quantity, and of course in the very best quality, does not seem to be the only function of a liberal arts college like St. Dunstan's. If Dr. Hutchins, former vice-chancellor of the University of Chicago, is right—and I expect he is not far wrong—the proper

function of any university or college, secular or religious, is to help young people (and some who are not so young) in "making a life," as distinct from though not actually antagonistic to, "making a living".

If the purely secular schools (State Universities and the like) went all-out in this business of "life-making" there presumably would be little, if any, need for what might be called "the more than secular" institutions. Unfortunately, and perhaps inevitably, this is not the case. Industrialization, utilitarianism, machine pressures, scientific haste, and many other accompaniments of modern life and manners, necessarily weigh heavily, some say too heavily, on everything that has to do with higher education.

All of these are perfectly legitimate, but they are not a sort of stabilizing guidance and a spiritualizing which they do not find easily in the popular social and cultural concepts of the times. This is where the small (perhaps the smaller the better) "more than secular" college comes in. It is not a substitute for any other kind of school, and it is certainly not at variance with it; it is simply a leavening factor in the predominantly secular concept of education and, indeed, of social relationships generally. In various indefinable ways it can demonstrate that education is not just something to be used. It is that, of course, but it is also something that is good and profitable apart from any utilitarian consideration. As a philosopher, whose name I cannot recall at the moment, once said: "Having is just as important as doing".

All of this is not to suggest that secular colleges are indifferent to the good life, much less that they are "anti-religious". Any such suggestion would be absurd as well as unjust. In fact, many of the leading universities on this continent, especially in the United States, offer regular courses in religion (usually Comparative, to be sure) and some of them have paid religious counsellors on their staffs.

This, where it occurs, is partly a relic of their early religious foundations and partly a response to regional requests for more recognition of spiritual values. One wonders, however, how long such conditions would obtain or, in real strength, if here and there little colleges like St. Dunstan's were not available to keep the "more than secular" emphasis alive.

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