

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew
W. J. Hagro, Publisher
Wallace Ward
Managing Editor
Frank Walker
Editor

Represented nationally by Thomson Newspapers
Advertising Services, Toronto, 425 University Ave.
Emmie 3-8874, Montreal, 640 Cathcart Street, Uni-
versity 4-5942, Western Office 1030 West Georgia
Street, Vancouver, MA 7037.

Member, Canadian Daily Newspaper Publishers
Association and The Canadian Press. The Canadian
Press is exclusively entitled to the use for republica-
tion of all news dispatches in this paper credited to it or to the Associated Press or Reuters and
also the local news published herein. All
right of republication of special dispatches here-
in also reserved. Subscription rate:
Not over 40¢ per week by carrier.
\$12.00 a year by mail on rural routes and areas
not serviced by carrier.
\$15.00 a year off island and U.K. \$20.00 per
year in U.S. and elsewhere outside British Com-
monwealth.
Not over 7¢ single copy.
Member Audit Bureau of Circulation.

PAGE 4 TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1966

Seeking Information

When the redistribution commis-
sions were established to redraft con-
stituency boundaries, Parliament was
careful to hedge them against inter-
ference and dictation from the gov-
ernment. Now it is having second
thoughts as to whether it hasn't built
the hedges too high.

The trouble started back in Janu-
ary, when Marcel Lambert, Con-
servative member for Edmonton West
and a former speaker of the House,
handed in a series of questions on the
operation of the redistribution commis-
sion in Alberta. He wanted to know
what hearings were held, how the
evidence was recorded and whether
the commission had or would be
willing to publish the reasons for
changes it recommended in the rid-
ing boundaries of the province.

His questions were similar to ones
asked around the same time by Dick
Bell, Conservative member for Carle-
ton, about the Ontario commission.
Both were given similar answers by
Secretary of State LaMarsh, who said
that the commissions do not report to
the government, so that it has no re-
cords giving the information sought
in the questions. A similar answer
also was given to a query about the
cost of advertising the commission
reports in newspapers.

These answers were denounced by
Mr. Diefenbaker as "arrogance" and
Mr. Lambert claimed they were a
rude response to a legitimate request.
Mr. Bell said they were also incorrect,
because he had discovered that the
cheques to pay the bills had been is-
sued by the comptroller of the
treasury, who is responsible to the
minister of finance. Last week Mr.
Lambert sought to bring the issue to
a head on a question of privilege, but
was ruled out of order on technical
grounds.

However, while Speaker Lamour-
eux found the members couldn't
make a case of privilege on the failure
to get information, he suggested they
might be able to take it up as a
grievance. Prime Minister Pearson
said he would make a personal re-
quest to the commissions to answer
the House inquiries. If these courses
fail, recourse may be had to the com-
mittee system. Under the new rules
the estimates of the secretary of state
—which include money for the redis-
tribution commissions—is now before
a Commons committee. Since the com-
mittee has power to call witnesses on
any part of the estimates, it should be
able to get the answers that way.

As noted by a writer in the Ottawa
Journal, the issue underlines the vex-
ing problem of members of Parlia-
ment in prying information out of
federal agencies and Crown corpora-
tions. It is particularly annoying, they
claim, with the commissions which get
all their money from parliamentary
grants. But after all, it is Parliament
that makes the ground rules and it
should have the foresight to provide
for such contingencies.

"Laziness And Cupidity"?

Noting that the federal government
has been collecting Canada Pension
Plan contributions for four months
now, the Winnipeg Free Press calls
attention to the fact that still nothing
has been done about overpayments
made into the fund by employers. The
amount of such overpayments is esti-
mated by employers to be in the
neighborhood of \$30 million this year,
although this figure is challenged by
the government. What it doesn't chal-
lenge is the fact that overpayments
are being made under the plan, and
that it intends to go on pocketing
these sums because, as it maintains,
refunding them would be too compli-
cated and would cost more than it
would be worth.

Naturally, employers are protest-
ing, particularly those industries in
which there is a large turnover of
workers in the course of the year.

This month a group representing
these people, and headed by the Cana-
dian Chamber of Commerce, will ap-
proach the government to argue that
its excuse will not stand up. A sub-
mission will be made, suggesting ways
and means of setting up a practical
system of refunding overpayments.

The injustice arises when a worker
changes jobs during the year. The
pension plan requires employers and
employees each to contribute an
amount equal to 1.8 per cent of the
worker's earnings between \$500 and
\$5,000 a year. But where a worker
earns more than the maximum level,
his deductions are made at a rate that
pays his contribution in less than a
year—perhaps in eight or nine
months. If the worker then changes his
job, his new job is treated, for
pension purposes, as if this were the
only one he has held during the year.
His new employer makes pension
deductions and matches the worker's
contribution—even though the worker
has already made his full con-
tribution. The worker can claim a
rebate for the extra that he has paid
in, when he fills out his income tax
form. But neither employer can get a
refund although between them they
may have paid much more than a full
year's contribution.

The Winnipeg paper argues that in
this era of automation and computers
it should not be beyond the ingenuity
of the government to arrive at a re-
payment system that would be fair to
all. If any one—individual, firm or
corporation—pays the government too
much money in taxes, refunds are
demanded and made. There seems no
good reason why this principle should
not apply in the case of the pension
fund. "Continued government refusal
to do anything to correct this injusti-
ce," says the Free Press, "must lead
to the conclusion that laziness and
cupidity rather than efficiency and
fairness motivate the operation of the
fund." Coming from a staunch Lib-
eral organ, this comment speaks for
itself.

Highways Of Tomorrow

Our Trans-Canada Highway was
built on the assumption that it would
provide for Canada's motor traffic
needs for years to come. But the pace
which the United States government
is setting for the development of in-
terstate highways suggests that we
may be only at the beginning of the
problem in both countries.

In the U.S., some 21,000 miles of
the 41,000 network of expressways
connecting the states have been com-
pleted. All of it is scheduled to be
finished by 1972. It will link virtually
all the nation's major population
centres with high-speed, multi-lane,
limited access highways. Then will
come the start of another type of
highway that almost staggers the
imagination.

In studying the probable needs of
the next 20 years, American engineers
are proposing super-expressways with
a speed limit of 100 miles an hour;
120 would be permitted for passing.
Called the "Century," the first such
highway would run between Washing-
ton and Boston. Old cars would be
barred from the Century, and cars
entering the new highway would
undergo a safety test. Drivers with
bad accident records would not be
admitted.

Automobiles will enter the super-
highway via a "slow" road with a
speed limit of 80 miles per hour, then
take a ramp at 90 to the full-speed
"chute" with flat shoulders and no
ditches, culverts, or poles to hit.
Electronic sensors in the road will
sound a warning buzzer in an automo-
bile if it approaches the car ahead too
closely. When a car starts slowing
down, warning lights on its roof will
flash and a buzzer will sound in the
vehicle behind it to reduce the danger
of rear-end collisions.

As explained by a National
Geographic News Bulletin, the Centu-
ry could open the way for fully
automated highways. Under a system
already tested, electronic circuits
buried in the road would guide
vehicles and control speed, distances
between cars, breaking, and steering.

EDITORIAL NOTES

From the medical journal "Lancet"
comes this frank advice: "The sim-
plest way to prevent a cold is to eat
plenty of onions and garlic. Not that
this has a direct effect on the virus,
but it keeps people away among them
those who are infectious."

Moforists are warned by the Cana-
dian Highway Safety Council that car-
bon monoxide poisoning can be just
as deadly in the warm months as dur-
ing the winter. The fumes have no
odor, it is pointed out, and even when
a car's windows are open they can ac-
cumulate unnoticed in sufficient
strength to result in death.



NO WAY TO TAP A TREE

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

A Row That Had Long Been Incubated

Parliament's circus had five
days, and each day had five
members, as is the Credit
shill-voted lawyer Gilles
Greig. In fact the 25-man
committee is top-heavy with
the Hill's headlines and brains.
CHRIS FOR SEVEN DAYS

This new committee started
off its work at the height of the
long-incubated CBC row. Des-
pite its brains, it fell flat on its
face. It began to enquire into
the dismissal of some CBC pro-
ducers, not as it should have
done with a significantly differ-
ent emphasis, whether or not
when their present bilaterally-
agreed contracts expire, they
should be offered new contracts.
Judy LaMarsh, as the minis-
ter answering for the CBC let
it be known loud and clear that
she would like the committee
to talk about any other subject
under the sun, during the few
days when the management of
the CBC was holding its regu-
lar meeting with its board of di-
rectors. After this meeting, she
hoped, the committee would in-
vite CBC management to ap-
pear before it, and then those
MPs representing the financial
supporters of the CBC— you
and me— might, if they thought
it desirable, give the employees
a hearing.
But one Liberal proposed, and

another seconded, a motion that
the employees should be given
the rostrum at once. Ralph Co-
vnan, showing his usual sound
sense and Liberal loyalties, in-
dicated that management still
has some rights, especially when
it is spending the taxpayers'
money, and urged that the em-
ployees be not heard before
management. "What century
do you think you are living in?"
the socialist David Lewis de-
manded— words he would later
use.

LIBERALS DESERT PARTY
So a vote was called; at least
three Liberals voted against
their minister's wishes; the motion
carried and the rostrum
was at once given to the pro-
ducers.
Gradually the widespread but
shallow emotion about Seven
Days subsided. The tide of pub-
lic opinion, indicated by letters
reaching MPs, turned. The
powerful drive to "Save Seven
Days"— how much was it inter-
nally inspired?— ran out of
steam; sympathy swung to
management; and sentiment
supported the soundly— based
bandwagon of the average Can-
adian who wants to "Save our
children" from the horrors and
vices weekly exhibited on the
controversial program.

But in front of the committee,
the producers went on—and on
and on, talking about them-
selves and their creative ability
and the frustration of the bosses
giving them orders. Long after
outside observers had deplored
the puerile exhibition the power-
ful committee was making of
itself, its MP members at last
began to ask what they had
done to deserve that tedium.
Even David Lewis had had
enough. MPs on and off the
committee wondered why \$18,000
a year statesmen were in-
volved in an internal hiring-and-
firing row.

Mixed Feelings In Guernsey

This year's 900th anniversary
of the Norman conquest of Eng-
land seems to be producing a
few split personalities in the
island community of Guernsey.
Channel Islands

Although now firmly wedded
to Britain, Guernsey once was
part of Normandy in France.
Some of the 41,000 islanders
don't want to forget it.

By a quirk of history, Guernsey
became a dependency of the
English crown not because
England acquired jurisdiction,
over it but because the Nor-
mans defeated the English at
Hastings in 1066.
Soon afterward Normandy's
King William incorporated the
Channel islands with his Eng-
lish territories.

Hotel 'Souvenirs'

In the first 10 months of its
operation, New York City's Am-
ericana Hotel lost 38,000 towels,
553 spoons, 18,000 demitasse,
533 silver coffee pots, 15,000 silver
finger bowls and 100 bottles,
among other things, according
to a New York report.

The director of catering for the
windsor, Astoria reports that
hotel's silver replacement
bill for a year is \$100,000 and
that "if we have a banquet for
1,000 we can figure on losing
700 demitasse spoons."

The high figures may surprise
but the fact of "swiping" (so
much nicer than "stealing")
from hotels and public places of
all sorts is not surprising. It is
done in this country by some
people who would no more ad-
mit to being thieves than they
would to being murderers.

There seems to be a de-
pressed feeling that visitors to
hotels and restaurants are en-
titled to souvenirs, as if ashtrays,
silver or towels to take home
were included in the cost of the
room.
People who steal from hotels
are not much different from
those who, instead of taking
things, merely break them.
The general lack of respect
for property other than one's
own is appalling. It is evident in
people who carelessly throw
away cigarette butts in buildings
and in people who take pencil
or nail file and mindlessly de-
face a wall or door.
People are funny, it is said.
But sometimes it's hard to
laugh.

Our Yesterdays

Major T.E. MacNutt was re-
elected president of Free Dis-
pensary of Charlottetown.
TEN YEARS AGO
(May 3, 1956)
Dr. William Cone, one of the
world's leading brain surgeons,
died in his office at the Mon-
treal Neurological Institute in
Montreal.
Reginald McCarville was re-
appointed to succeed Leo B. Doin-
on as managing director of the
P.E.I. Credit Union League.

Way To Treat Insomnia

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
The Denver psychiatrist, Dr.
Franklin G. Ebaugh believes
there is a better way to treat in-
somnia than with sleeping pills
and alcohol. These drugs pro-
mote slumber, but do not re-
charge our batteries as follows a
night of natural sleep. This in
turn reduces efficiency during
the day and creates enough ten-
sion by nightfall to keep the user
awake.

Dr. Ebaugh blames the abili-
ty of barbiturates and heavy
drinking to prevent dreaming.
There is considerable evidence
that dreaming is essential to re-
storative sleep, and when
dreams are prevented the indi-
vidual becomes irritable even
though he slept like a baby. This
is a new but plausible theory
and time will tell whether it can
be substantiated. The toxic after-
effects of these drugs also in-
clude irritability, lack of concen-
tration, and other symptoms of
"hangover." However, many a
people dream after taking a
barbiturate.

Insomnia is closely related to
the personality and emotional
make-up of the individual. Some
fight sleep because they hate to
waste eight hours in a nonpro-
ductive state. Many worry about
their capabilities and are so
wound up at night they cannot
relax. Others seek sleep because
it relieves them of responsibil-
ities and cares. These individuals
are likely to demand sleeping
pills because of the belief that
insomnia lessens their efficiency
or because it helps them es-
cape reality.
Still others have a phobia
about loss of consciousness, a
carry-over, perhaps, of the time
when sleeping meant the surren-
der of their best weapon of sur-
vival, the ability to cope.

Improvement occurs when
they accept the condition and
learn to live with it. The individ-
ual must appreciate the need
for sleep and not use it for es-
cape. Most of us work eight
hours a day and can adjust the
remaining 16 hours to allow
sleeping at the most propitious
time. When the person is wor-
ried and cannot sleep, he should
do something constructive or en-
joyable. The thought of getting
out of bed and working often
has a soporific effect.

HORMONE USES
Mrs. M.A. writes: Have you
ever heard of female hormones
being used in cases other than
cancer?

REPLY
Yes, these hormones are
most widely used in controlling
the uncomfortable symptoms as-
sociated with the menopause.
They also are employed in oth-
er glandular disturbances.

TANNING LIGHT SKIN
A reader writes: Can a man
with very light skin develop a
suntan?

REPLY
It's difficult because the skin
usually burns rather than
browns. Gradual exposure may
do it along with the use of a sun-
tan preparation. The methoxsal-
en drugs stimulate pigment and
promote tanning in fair skinned
individuals.

TWILIGHT THROAT
Mrs. G.O. writes: Do you
know why my throat becomes
sore as soon as it gets dark? It
is all right during the day.

REPLY
To be honest, no. Persons who
talk all day are likely to have a
husky, raspy throat toward eve-
ning and the same occurs when
there is prolonged exposure to
irritating fumes or dust.

FACIAL PARALYSIS
R. B. A. writes: Could an ear
infection paralyze the face on
one side?

REPLY
Yes, because the facial nerve
emerges in the vicinity of the
ear.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—
Everyone thrives on a word
of encouragement.

Pay Now - Go Later

The idea has caught on in its
first three years, with premiums
worth nearly \$60,000 already
collected by two firms. Five
persons in their twenties have
signed up.
The Times of London notes
that \$1,400 today would buy a
two week, first class cruise for
two "on the sunshine routes,"
but asks: "What if in the year
2000 the \$1,400 would pay lit-
tle more than a weekend at
Clacton?" The promoter of the
scheme replied: "One takes
that kind of risk with every
life assurance policy, and one
may always increase the prem-
iums accordingly."

Robin Excites Britain
An American visitor set Brit-
ish ornithological circles in a
twitter recently. A lady in Park-
stone, Dorset, observed a
strange bird with "brick red
breast" in her garden. John
Grigg notes in the Guardian of
Manchester.
An ornithologist identified the
bird as an American robin, as
familiar to most Yankees as
credit but said to be only the
seventh of its kind ever report-
ed in England.
News of this event spread on
the ornithologists' grapevine
and people came from all over
the country to have a look at it.
Grigg says the robin's proud
discoverer started a visitors'
book and accumulated 260 signa-
tures.
Why the robin wound up in
England is a matter for specu-
lation. Perhaps, like most Ameri-
cans, it is an inveterate tourist
and had declined White House
urgines to see America first.
Possibly it was a refugee from
the annual spring wave of pesti-

NOTES BY THE WAY

People who get belted around
in auto accidents wouldn't if
they were seat-belted. — Guelph
Mercury.
A Canadian came third in
what Hong Kong promoters
called a world's beer drinking
championship. You see, we do
have some world-class athletes
— Hamilton Spectator.
One of the briefer musical
criticisms appeared in the lo-
cal paper: "An amateur string
quartet played Brahms here
last evening. Brahms here
— Hamilton Spectator.
A poll taker in Madison asked
one sweet old lady of 82, "What
do you think of Medicare?" She
replied, "I don't know myself,
but I have a friend who tried it
and she lost 21 pounds." — Col-
umbian.
Traffic cop: "So you don't
have a license? Lady, don't
you know that you can't drive
without one?" Woman driver:
"Well, that explains everything
I thought it was because I was
nervous and nearsighted that I
hit those two cars and the by-
drant." — Galt Reporter.

An elderly farmer wrote to
a mail-order house as follows:
"Please send me one of the
gasoline engines you show in
Page 787, and if it's any good
I'll send you a cheque. I'm
time he received the following
reply: "Please send cheque. If
it's any good, we'll send the en-
gine." — Toronto Globe and
Mail.
Sunday elections are propos-
ed for Canada. On the other
hand Europe has them and what
have they ever done for Eu-
rope? — Windsor Star.
Guest—"What a pretty
name your maid has!" Hostess
—"Oh, that isn't her real
name. We just call her 'Dawn'
because she's always breaking".
— Galt Reporter.
The rhinoceros is in danger
of becoming extinct. No one
would want that to happen, but
people wouldn't mind if the spe-
cies were reduced to one, there-
by ending the old argument as
to what the plural should be. —
Toronto Star.

Pushing ahead, of a line in
the supermarket, a smartly
dressed woman snatched a can
from the shelf and pushed it and
a dollar to a checker. "You
don't mind if I get this one can
of cat food, do you?" she asked
the man at the head of the line.
" Heck, no, lady," he answered
" If you're that hungry, go ahead
— Financial Post.

It was an opening appearance
of the Philadelphia Symphony
Orchestra, with Stokowski at
his most majestic. The music
was crashing and thunderous,
when suddenly there fell a su-
brupt and complete silence, be-
ginning a brief but absolute rest
in the music. Out of the still-
ness there came a high-pitch-
ed feminine voice, full of re-
proach. "But", it said, "I al-
ways fry mine in lard." — Mon-
treal Star.

First Hovercraft Services

The first ever cross-Channel
passenger hovercraft services
between England and France
will begin on two routes on
April 30.
Two British firms Townsend
Car Ferries Ltd. and its asso-
ciated firm, P. and A. Campbell
Ltd., will start a daily service
between Dover and Calais. On
the same day Hover Services
Ltd., a company formed by the
Swedish Lloyd and Swedish Am-
erican shipping lines, will begin
a similar two-craft service be-
tween Ramsgate and Calais.

The Dover-Calais journey will
take about 35 minutes— about
half the present time taken by
ship— and the other service
will take 45 minutes.
All three craft will be West-
land SRN 65, each of which will
carry up to 38 passengers. Both
services will be confined to
summer operations and are be-
ing run to give the companies
practical experience in readi-
ness for the arrival of the 160-
ton Westland SRN 4 in 1968.
In addition to operating the
Townsend's will also run pleas-
ure trips from Dover along the
coasts of Kent and Sussex.
Cost of a day trip on both rou-
tes will be 13 pounds return
which is equal to the normal
period-return on Townsend ships
operating between Dover and
France.
The \$300,000 SRN6 weighs nine
tons and has a top-speed of 64
knots over calm water. It is
powered by a 900 shaft horse-
power gas turbine engine and can
clear waves up to five feet high
at 30 knots.

Taking The High Road

Highland clearances by heart-
less landowners that chiefly
drove Scots from their native
heath, many of them to Nova
Scotia, and other parts of Cana-
da.

Now the ready availability of
better-paid work and more com-
fortable living, especially in
England's mild southern areas,
is speeding the depopulation of
a Caledonia the young people
flee to sterner and wild.

The road to the isles has be-
come the road from the isles.
There are fewer and fewer Scots
with their hearts in the High-
lands.
The cities and bright lights to
the south beckon irresistibly.
And as the self-exiles strike new
roots and enjoy the greater af-
fluence of life outside Scotland,
they are likely to do their room-
in' in the gloamin' by car.

Pickle Week Is Out

Every dog may have his day,
but not in New York. From now
on, Mayor John Lindsay has
bravely decreed, the mayor's
office is going to stop issuing
proclamations for most "days"
and "weeks" that have received
them in the past. The mayor has
just refused to proclaim nation-
al pickle week. The pickle
packers are so angry that they
charge the mayor is trying to
abolish pickles because he gets
into so many of them politically.
Parents without partners week
operating room nurses' day, fam-
ily doctor week, alien address
report month and many others
will no longer be recognized of-
ficially. The mayor even sound-
ed the death knell for Queen
Anna Maria Day. This has long
been proclaimed, but the may-
or's aids couldn't find anyone
who knew why or even who
Queen Anna Maria was.

The mayor isn't going to do
away with all days or weeks —
just those he feels are religious,
political or commercial. For ex-
ample, he recently proclaimed
Greek Independence day.

To qualify for a proclamation
an organization must be local,
reputable, authorized, sizable

COMMERCIAL PRINTING
Let us design your let-
terheads, bill heads,
brochures, call us for
all your printing
needs.
GUARDIAN-PATRIOT
CENTRAL
PRINTERY
PHONE 4-8506

Kids! The Pumpkin Contest closes to-
morrow—see your school bulletin board
for details. You may win tickets to

Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater!

See it Saturday, May 7
Confederation Centre
Shows at 1:00 and 3:30 p.m.
Children—50c; Adults—\$1.00