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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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Plight Of Municipalities

The Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, which is holding a joint meeting with the Federation of American Mayors at Montreal next week, has issued a comprehensive study of the difficulties imposed on municipal governments. The point is made, not for the first time, that revenue for Federal, provincial and municipal governments comes from one source only, the public. The problems encountered by cities in meeting the obligations placed upon them have become more onerous because the senior governments are taking a bigger slice of the taxation dollar.

In 1930, revenue from the public gathered by the three levels of government totalled \$780,300,000, of which the Federal Government took \$315,900,000, the provincial government \$157,900,000 and the municipal governments, \$306,500,000. See the change in 1951 when the huge total of \$3,346,200,000 was collected. This time the Federal Government took \$3,791,000,000 and the provinces \$918,400,000, leaving only \$636,100,000 for the municipalities. It has to be recognized that in 1930 grants and contributions to the municipalities from other governments were \$30,100,000 and, in 1951, rose to \$191,900,000. But that additional \$160,000,000 was only a trifle compared to the immense increase in the revenues of the senior governments.

The report makes it plain that municipal governments, with their taxation field sorely restricted, must depend more and more on grants and subsidies from the senior governments and must go, hat in hand, begging for the funds to keep their services going.

Historic Event

About midnight on September 9th, three hundred and seventy years ago, Sir Humphrey Gilbert, Elizabethan navigator who had also served as a soldier in the Netherlands and as member of Parliament for Plymouth, came to his death in a storm as he was returning from an expedition to Newfoundland. Having arrived in St. John's on August 3rd, 1583, two days later in the vicinity of what is known as the King's Beach, Sir Humphrey Gilbert in the name of Queen Elizabeth proclaimed Newfoundland a British possession and thereby established the island as the cornerstone of the Empire.

Sailing to the mainland shortly afterwards with three vessels, the largest of which was lost near Cape Breton, he started on the return voyage on August 31st. His two vessels were the "Golden Hind" of 40 tons and the "Squirrel" of 10 tons. He was on board the latter when a storm was encountered off the Azores, and refused to transfer to the larger ship. Captain Hayes of the "Golden Hind," making his report of the episode, wrote:

"Monday, September 9th, the frigate was near cast away... yet at that time recovered; and, giving signs of joy, the General, sitting abaft with a book in his hand, cried out unto us in the 'Hind,' 'We are as near to heaven by sea as by land'... The same Monday night, about twelve, the frigate being ahead of us in the 'Golden Hind,' suddenly her lights went out... in that moment the frigate was devoured and swallowed up in the sea."

At the foot of the national war memorial in St. John's, on a bronze plaque, are recorded particulars of this historic event.

Yukon Trail Revisited

The goldseekers' footsteps along the historic Yukon Trail have been traced in an illustrated article in the September issue of the National Geographic Magazine, in which the writer, Mr. Amos Burg, contrasts the quiet, peaceful aura that pervades the region today with the feverish days of 1898.

In Skagway, port of entry at the top of Alaska's Panhandle where 15,000 stampeders pitched tents in knee-deep mud, Mr. Burg found a respectable little town of 750. Deserted gingerbread-trimmed buildings are all that remain of its fabulous past. En route to Whitehorse, Mr. Burg rode the narrow-gauge White Pass and Yukon, fondly called the "biggest little railroad in the world" during World War II when it did a heroic job of hauling men and supplies

to the Alaska Highway. He passed through Bennett, a roaring town of 10,000 at its peak, now little more than a lonely ghost town. Here at the junction point of the White Pass and Chilkoot Trails, stampeders built their boats to go downstream to Dawson.

Whitehorse is now a modern metropolis of 4,000, largest community in the Yukon today. The Alaska Highway and a large \$13,000,000 airport helped it grow and become an important military base. A sturdy sternwheeler took Mr. Burg the remaining 434 miles down the Yukon River to Dawson in the heart of the Klondike. Forty years ago, 250 steamers plied the river, but only two remain in service. At Dawson he breakfasted at the Royal Alexandra Hotel and recalled the days when miners eating there a half-century ago had paid \$3 each for eggs. The hotel once housed the Flora Dora Dance Hall where prospectors paid \$1 a minute to dance with the girls. Gone is the Dominion Gambling House, where pots commonly ran to \$5,000 and whole fortunes were lost in an evening. Boarded-up, sagging buildings line the warped wooden sidewalk of Front Street.

Today Dawson's population has dwindled from 8,000 to less than 800. Mr. Burg saw a few prospectors still mining by hand, but for 50 years nearly all mining has been done by giant electric dredges. Where miners once turned up their noses at any dirt paying less than 10 cents a pan (two shovelfuls), Klondike dirt now yields only 25 cents worth of gold per ton.

But the Yukon's waters may someday be even more valuable than its minerals, Mr. Burg reports. A new power project, which will require \$2 billion and 20 years to complete, will be started next spring. Ore will be brought into the Yukon from all over the world to make pig iron, steel and aluminum.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 16th Sunday after Trinity, 17th after Pentecost.

The Rural Youth Fair was a big success yesterday, with keen competition from all parts of the Province in the various club activities.

The United States Air Force has been subjecting crews and helicopters to Arctic conditions. The eventual plan is to land two of the 'copters on the North Pole—the first whirlybirds to go to the top of the world.

Former United States President Truman will be allowed to spread income tax payments on the sale of his memoirs over a six-year period. Just goes to prove that memories sometimes have their high cost too.

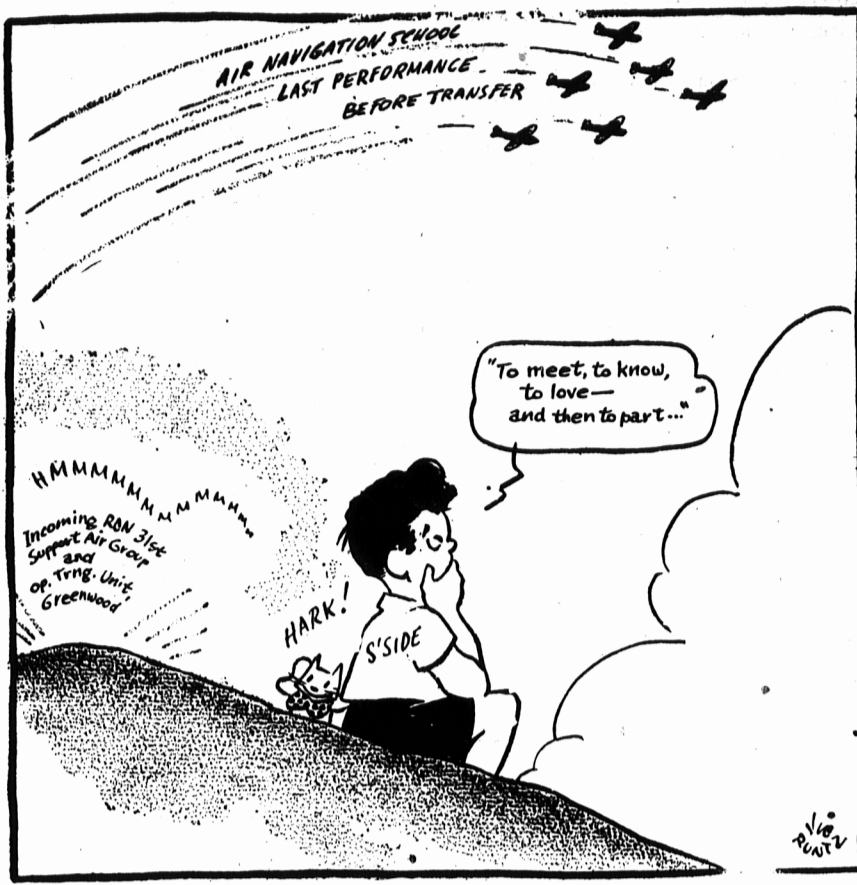
Arthur Rackham, English water-colour painter and illustrator, was born this date 1867. He was educated in London. In his twenties he drew illustrations for "Pall Mall Budget" and "Graphic". He developed a delicately fantastic style. He illustrated editions of many books, including, "Rip Van Winkle", "Peter Pan", "Christmas Carol" and "Anderson's Fairy Tales".

The Jordan Conference has served notice that it will continue to reject proposals for the internationalization of Jerusalem. This statement has been connected with persistent rumors that Washington is preparing proposals for a "limited internationalization" of the City, in the form of U. N. supervision of the Holy Places. While the Arab League "will accept nothing less than the establishment of an autonomous international regime, Jordan, in possession of virtually all the Holy Places, rejects internationalization in any form that might smack of 'foreign interference'."

Premier Frost of Ontario has proposed a new approach to federal-provincial conferences. Addressing a mines ministers' convention at Niagara Falls recently, he suggested establishment of an economic committee comprising federal and provincial representatives to lay the groundwork for subsequent high level talks. The Ontario Premier said that most federal-provincial conferences were overburdened with business, resulting in many items being dropped from the agenda and leaving too little room for important business which had to be dealt with.

The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals on October 22, 23 and 24 will observe fifty colorful years of progress and development. The focal point of the anniversary celebrations will take place at Vimy Barracks, Kingston, Ont., home of the Corps. The ceremonies co-incide with the annual meeting of the Canadian Signals Association. Guest speaker during the annual dinner will be His Excellency the Governor General, Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps is Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal. Several members from this Province are expected to attend.

Airforce Day—With Special Sentiments



Old Charlottetown

SHIPBUILDING IN KINGS CO. "On a recent visit to Georgetown we were pleased to observe a fine Brig, of about 250 tons, launched there on Monday last, for Capt. A. MacDonald. A Brig, near about the same time, was launched from the shipyard of the Hon. Joseph Wightman, St. Andrew's Point. There are some three or four other vessels building at Georgetown—one by Daniel Gordon, Esq., another by Capt. John Westaway, and another by Mr. Michael Bourke.

"Opposite to Georgetown, on Montague River, may be seen a Brig in the stocks, at the shipyard of Robert Cameron, Esq., building for Benjamin Davies, Esq., of this City. At Cardigan, a Bark of some five or six hundred tons is being built at the shipyard of Donald Stewart, Esq., for Messrs. Owen and Welsh. This Bark, now in frame, is being diagonally strapped with iron, and we understand is destined to take the place of the Bark 'Theresa', as a trader between Liverpool and this port.

"Less than a mile from Mr. Stewart's yard, we came to the shipyard of Thomas Owen, Esq., close to the new Bridge at Cardigan, here is building by Mr. Owen a very fine little Juniper Brig, to class seven years. About a mile above the Bridge we observed another vessel on the stocks, the name of the builders we have forgotten.

"The new Bridge across Carignan River, built some two or three years since, is substantially constructed and must be of vast benefit to the inhabitants of that part of King's County. It is sufficiently long, and the water of sufficient depth, to allow some three or four vessels to be alongside and load. On looking at the map of the Island we should think that Cardigan Bridge would be a good shipping place for the inhabitants of St. Peter's and St. Peter's Bay, to cart their produce to, in the fall of the year. Already there are some five or six houses built, and being built, at the Bridge, and no doubt in a few years there will be quite a thriving little village there. Montague Bridge and Cardigan Bridge bid fair to draw a large amount of the business hitherto done in Georgetown, from that place."

European Unity

(Montreal Gazette) When Prime Minister Churchill proposed, several years ago, that a consultative body be formed to lay plans for the unification of Europe, he was simply following, in a modern sense, Britain's traditional policy of seeking a balance of power on the Continent. The proposal was given a splendid welcome by Britain's European allies, but it was not welcomed in Britain. When the Council of Europe met at Strasbourg, Sir Winston had to modify considerably his first proposals and the Council has limped along quietly ever since.

The French proposals for immediate military and industrial unity struck the same snag. Here, it was not only a matter of Britons wishing to retain their sovereignty; in the case of the Schuman coal and steel pool, the Labor Government's policy of nationalization and controlled imports made any such pooling impossible for Britain. The coal-steel pool began to operate in limited fashion, but military integration was delayed so often it seemed fated for oblivion, even though the United States kept pressing for it vigorously. The emergence of Western Germany as a great new conservative force, neither right nor left, has put new life in all these projects. By their overwhelming support of the Adenauer regime, the West Germans have put themselves solidly on the side of the west. That means Russia, their unwelcome neighbor, is also their enemy in the cold war. They made this choice with their

Notes By The Way

End-of-summer note: It's only about four months ago that the slam of a screen door seemed a fresh, happy sound.—Hamilton Spectator.

Aftermath of the Federal election: Hilda Hesson, of Winnipeg, Dominion organizer of women for the Progressive Conservative party, says that 80 per cent of the organizational work done for all political parties is done by women.—Saturday Night.

Harassed by the increasing difficulty in finding fully-qualified teachers, the Ontario department of education proposed to grant a permanent first-class teaching certificate to all students who complete two years of teaching. It is not surprising that the proposal is being warmly protested by those who claim there has already been a deplorable depreciation for the standards of qualification for teachers and that to lower them further would be fatal.—Winnipeg Tribune.

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The CBC annual report should be required reading for those of us who at times believe the national system is taking itself too seriously. In the year 1952-53, it reports, there were 24,926 hours of network broadcasting, 46.6 per cent music and 50.4 per cent spoken word, the latter including drama and feature; news, informative talks, and children's periods; educational agriculture, women's and sports programs. At the bottom of the music list was opera, given 96 hours, and at the foot of the class in the spoken word was "prose eyes open, on the promise of Chancellor Adenauer that the European Defence Community would become a reality in which they could take a major part in their own defence. In order to retain U.S. aid, France must ratify the EDC treaty. Britain, too, has come to the realization that it must take an active part in EDC, or both France and Britain will find themselves in the position of following the leadership of Germany, their late defeated enemy. Britain's offer to set up official link with EDC is a splendid step forward for the European army plan. In line with these military programs, the Council of Europe has decided to take up the question of German participation, a participation which is vital to a politically and economically united Europe. All of these moves benefit the Western cause and weaken the Russian. As they move forward, Russia will find it more and more uncomfortable, less and less profitable, to keep her troops in Eastern Germany. The outlook has become more favorable.

and poetry," given 166 hours. The biggest single category was light music, allocated a massive 6,770 hours. The nearest competitor was drama and feature with 3,172 hours. The news occupied 2,672 hours and classical music 2,146 hours. Old-time music — that Saturday night standby — required 412 hours. We don't suppose for a moment that these distributions of time satisfy any one listener. But they do show that the CBC is not bogged down in solemnity and lets Artie Shaw have as many whacks at the microphone as Wilson Woodside and the New York Symphony.—Ottawa Journal.

The Poet's Corner

OSYMANDIAS

I met a traveller from an antique land Who said: Two vast and trunkless legs of stone Stand in the desert. Near them on the sand, Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown And wrinkled lip and sneer of cold command Tell that its sculptor well those passions read Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things) The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed; And on the pedestal these words appear: 'My name is Ozymandias, king of kings: Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!' Nothing beside remains. Round the decay Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare, The lone and level sands stretch far away. —P. B. Shelly.

The Age Old Story

And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy), Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer CLOSING DAY REFLECTIONS

The reference is to Sept. 15 which the framers of our game laws have made a day of sadness for the practitioners of rod and reel. It's a sad thing to have to put your rod away for seven long months. Friends, trying to soften the blow, will say that seven months are nothing at all really; before you know anything it will be opening day again. Their motive is good and it is appreciated but it does not alter the fact that all closed seasons are long and dreary.

Plato once said that it isn't the part of wisdom to regret anything. The trouble is that anglers, as a class, are not noted for much wisdom. If they were I suppose they wouldn't bother to fish at all, especially in our streams where a really big trout is getting to be regarded as something of a phenomenon. Those whose business it is to watch over the interests of Salmo Fontinalis and his various relations will say there are still some very large fish in our ponds and streams. Of course there are. I myself hooked and lost one a week ago that must have weighed at least eight pounds. In fact he was so big and looked so voracious that I was glad to see him go. I had a grim tussle with one of his giant-sized forbears twenty years ago which ended in my thumb being bitten by the ill-bred creature, and I have no desire to have another such experience. For thrill and safety combined I am more than content with the half-grown ones.

My experience this summer, however, leads me to believe that the general run of trout is getting smaller and smaller all the time. I can remember well enough, back in the thirties, when one good size fish to a half-dozen smaller ones was an average ratio. Now, a man is lucky if his limit contains anything over eight or nine inches. It may be that, unlike people, adult fish have managed to cultivate the caution that should always accompany maturity. I seem to notice, too, that the few big trout that are around are not refined in their habits as their ancestors used to be. Time was when nobody would think of using a worm for a big fish. It was a waste of time. Young fry, as now, would nibble at anything, but the big ones took a fly or nothing.

Angle worms, night crawlers, bugs, grass-hoppers, and other creatures of low social status, were spurned by any grown-up, self-respecting trout. Now, from evidence I have gathered, it would appear that the situation has changed. All summer long I tried one pretty fly after another with results that were sometimes indifferent, often downright bad, and never good. Occasionally a big one rose to the surface, looked curiously for a moment at the lure, and haughtily went his way. One and another had advised me to "try half", but until the last day my scruples—bothersome things, at times—kept me from heeding their advice. Then, with only a few hours to come and go on, I made up my mind to give it a try. After looking in all directions to make sure that no purists selected the fattest worm I could find and attached it carefully to the hook. Down it went into the depths of the pool and within five minutes I had landed my biggest fish for the season and it was a good one. In quick succession came three others, each one almost as big as the first. I really believe that I would have caught my ten-pound limit had my direction not been so good. I noticed a man walking in the stream as fast as his legs could carry him. As it turned out I need not have been alarmed for he also was using worms and, apparently, thought nothing of it. I don't know just why it is but it embarrasses me terribly when I am caught in the act of bait-fishing. Perhaps I should see a psychiatrist about it. An angler is called upon to prevaricate often enough without having to do so because of a poor little worm that never told a lie.

Plato's advice notwithstanding, regret is much in evidence on every closing day. Always there are places one should have visited; files that should have been tried; moonphases that ought to have been watched more carefully; time and tide that should have been reckoned more diligently. Less important things, which can be done as well after the 15th as before, should have been put off to a more convenient season when the reel must be silent and the rod must rest in a place of solitude. Year after year one makes the mistakes and, when the last day arrives, there is no time to correct them. Then, one and all must submit to the laws of the figurative "Medes and Persians" which changeth not. But, anyway, fish or no fish, hopes fulfilled or regrets that cannot be salvaged, the angler will say that his best days are from April 15th to Sept. 15th inclusive. Already he is muttering to himself: "Just seven months more, less four days." Wiser folk—golfer, for instance—will laugh him to scorn. Does he blame them? No. He pities them.

TYPHOON AT HONG KONG

HONG KONG, (Reuters)—Typhoon winds up to 90 miles an hour howled through Hong Kong Friday, but there was little damage to the forward city. The centre of the typhoon—called "Susan"—swept past Hong Kong about 30 miles to the south, over the China Sea. About three-quarters of the entire area of Denmark is devoted to agriculture.

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