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Milk Production Efficiency

A survey which should prove of interest to dairy farmers in every province has been completed in Manitoba by the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture, the Milk Control Board and the University of Manitoba.

The need for all-round efficiency was clearly shown. The farmers who were good in every factor of production were few in number, but they certainly made money.

The survey tested them on five factors of production:

- (1) Livestock efficiency was compared by butterfat production per cow.
(2) Crop efficiency was shown by comparing the farmer's crop with that of his neighbors.
(3) Labor efficiency compared the receipts per worker.

(4) Capital efficiency was found by taking the number of years for cash receipts to equal total capital.

(5) Size of business was compared by the number of crop acres.

All but six of 93 wholemilk farmers were high in at least one of these measures of efficiency. The 17 farmers who were high in only one factor had an average labor income of \$167 a year, while the two farmers who were high in all five factors had an average labor income of \$6,216 per year.

A register for disabled persons has been opened in Britain in which anyone suffering disability through war wounds, an accident at work, or any other cause, may enrol.

Some other factors besides those mentioned which affected the farmers' labor income were more noticeable among those shipping wholemilk.

Perhaps the average farmer would get indignant if an efficiency engineer with a stopwatch tagged around after him while he was doing the chores.

They were able to reduce chore time by changes in the interior of the barn and by changes in the order in which work was done from five hours and 44 minutes per day to three hours and 39 minutes.

It seems likely that new ideas on labor-saving methods in dairying may quite change the whole business.

Whether or not a tunnel between Prince Edward Island and the mainland will ever become a reality, it is now regarded as unlikely that there will be any further discussion as to the wisdom or otherwise of building a tunnel under the Channel between Britain and France.

The invention of a Londoner who served as a petty officer in the Royal Navy at the beginning of the war, working with a house master of Eton College, renders any such structure unnecessary if recent guarded statements of the British press are confirmed.

According to these stories, admittedly incomplete because of the continued need for secrecy concerning such inventions, the two experimenters succeeded in making it possible not only to build floating airfields in mid-ocean, but to construct a floating bridge across the English Channel.

Moreover, according to reports now permitted, many vessels engaged in the invasion of Normandy made practical use of an adaptation of the new invention, carrying portable, floating piers which could be stretched between ship and shore, and which supported loaded lorries. The piers, which were rolled up and carried on board when not in use, have been given the name of "the Swiss roll."

This, and the floating bridge, consists intrinsically of wooden slats covered with canvas or tarpaulin, while the floating island will be made up of hundreds of hexagonal-shaped

Notes By The Way

Premier Jan Christian Smuts of Africa, speaking to his constituents at Capetown, said that if the Council of Foreign Ministers cannot draw up a peace treaty, a peace conference will be convened and the conscience of nations be brought to bear on the problems which their leaders find too hard to solve.

However, the inventors are convinced that their floating Channel bridge would stand up in the roughest weather.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Ninety per cent of retail advertising expenditures in Canada and United States are made in daily newspapers.

Over two billion Victory Bond subscriptions for approximately twelve million of a population is going some, all right.

Bad news for autoists. It is announced that the new model cars will have no spare tire — then "flats" will mean sweat, blood and tears.

The Airport suburb should be in occupation before the snow comes, or at least by Christmas. Then the bus service will be resumed.

Prime Minister King was not long in making his presence re-felt in Ottawa. He scrapped the proposed tariff revision in Mr. Isley's budget in an attempt to quell the civil war in his caucus.

Louise de Keroualle, Duchess of Portsmouth, mistress of Charles II, died this date 1734; born in Brittany, Charles became acquainted with her on the continent, and brought her to England where she remained till his death when she retired to France; her niche in the gallery of fame is that she was the mother of the first Duke of Richmond, created by Charles in 1675; the present holder of the title is likewise Duke of Lennox, Duke of Gordon, Earl of March, Baron Settrington, Earl of Darnley, Baron Talbarn, Earl of Kinradd, and Duc d'Aubigny, (France).

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

DOCTORS AND SCRIPTS

Sir—May I ask a question through your column? Does the Canadian Medical Assn. maintain that alcohol has any medicinal value except in rare cases, for example, when it is given to drug the nervous system?

Who is right? Dr. Mayo or our local doctors who reversed their decision to have nothing to do with six month scripts?

I am, Sir, etc. PRINCE COUNTY OBSERVER

Britain Still Carrying Heavy Police Burdens

By JAMES D. WHITE (Associated Press Staff Writer)

From the spice isles of Indonesia to the shores of Tripoli, the vast colonial world of dark-skinned peoples is becoming a small, erupting against the white man's rule.

Great Britain is the chief power affected. With a Labor Government at home, Britain retains a colonial policy based on the principle of gradual conversion of Empire holdings to Dominion status, but still within the Empire.

The religion of Islam is being used as an important rallying point for revolutionaries. A recent Arab revolt was formed around the Eastern Mediterranean some months ago, and Arab resistance against the possibility of turning Palestine into a national home for Europe's Jews has a logical sequel in the Arab revolt.

Move eastward to India, and you find the Mohammedan demand for independence, and the British Government has to deal with riots in Bombay, and further east with strikes in Malaya.

There was serious trouble in French Indo-China. But a recent arrival of a sizeable force of French troops following the British has resulted in a relatively quiet situation there now.

Indo-China by the way, has few if any Mohammedans. But 90 per cent of the people are Moslem. The story is different. Dutch troops still haven't arrived in force, and continued nationalist agitation and violence has been met by a British ultimatum to surrender. When the ultimatum is refused, the Dutch will arrive.

Queen Wilhelmina promised nearly a year ago what amounted to a Dutch colony, but this did not satisfy the extremists. They saw in the Netherlands a potential ally, and they saw in the Netherlands a potential ally.

For any other year there will be no Oxford-Cambridge boat race along the traditional course from Putney to Mortlake. And the reason is that the British Government has decided to cancel the race.

And the sea and the wind on the lonely plain. And the rivers among the hills, and so God made the marvelous birds.

For a choir of joy transcending that the world might hear and comprehend. How rhythm and harmony can mend. The spirits' hurts and ills.

He filled their tiny bodies with fire. He taught them love for their chief desire. And gave them magic of wings to fly.

His creatures over land and sea. Wherever man might dwell. And to each he apportioned a fragment of song.

Those broken melodies that belong to the seraph's chorus, that we might learn the healing of gladness and discern in beauty how all is well.

—Bliss Carmen

The Poet's Corner

FROM "THE CHOIRSTERS"

When earth was finished and fashioned well. There was never a musical note to tell. How glad God was, save the voice of the sea.

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THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA CHARLOTTETOWN BRANCH W. R. CRUIKSHANK, Manager

London Letter

By Stewart Underhill, Canadian Press Staff Writer

You think house-hunting in Canada is difficult? Then cheer up—compared with the same chore in London it's child's play.

There are the same problems of overcrowding that confront Canadian cities—an influx of workers for war industries, no building during the war, service men returning to civilian life. But on top of that there is the war damage—40,000 homes left uninhabitable and another 700,000 in need of repairs.

His first contacts probably will be with an "estate agent," ubiquitous but aloof to all but those who wish to put their houses up for sale at triple the pre-war prices. In nine cases out of 10 he won't see the agent himself, but an office boy or girl who will tell him.

As the days go by the hunter's search becomes more widespread. The man who complained about a 45-minute street-car ride in a Canadian city sets his jaw, consults a railway timetable and decides that nobody would live an hour and a half from town, and there must be plenty of vacancies. But the agents in Surrey, Sussex, Kent and kindred counties sing the same refrain as their London cousins.

Friends, relatives, friends of friends and relatives, friends of their friends, are subjected continually to harassment and badgering until he is all but alone in the world—except, of course, for the family to whom a hotel has become home.

In the last resort there is the door-to-door approach: the tour through neighborhood after neighborhood, inquiring from householders if they by any chance happen to know how a stranger could duplicate their incredible good fortune of having a place to live. Too often the householders grin grimly that he himself is looking for a place of his own, instead of sharing with a friend or relative.

The picture isn't completely black, though. The government estimates that by 1950 its housing program will be nearly complete.

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