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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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When Polio Strikes!

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, New York, advises that if poliomyelitis breaks out in a community the following suggestions should be followed:

Avoid new contacts. Try not to mingle with crowds unnecessarily. (Schools and other gathering places, however, may remain open.)

Watch these symptoms. Headache, unexplained fever, a cold, even upset stomach may be the first symptoms of infantile paralysis.

Call your doctor immediately if any of these symptoms appear. Expert medical care may help prevent crippling.

Remember. Carry on your normal activities. Infantile paralysis cannot be prevented but few of those stricken develop serious illness and, with good care, the majority will make satisfactory recovery.

Also remember that quick action often prevents crippling. June through September is the danger period when the following personal rules should be followed:

Don't get over-tired. Extreme fatigue makes you an easier victim. Avoid chilling. Don't stay too long in cold water.

Keep clean. Wash hands before eating. Keep flies and other insects away from food. Help keep your community clean. Waste and exposed garbage may be sources of infection.

Don't swim in polluted waters. Avoid removal of tonsils and adenoids prior to and during polio epidemic season.

Cattle Situation

The number of cattle on farms in Canada reached an all-time high last year, according to the June 1st survey by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The estimated 10,759,000 head was more than 25 per cent higher than the pre-war number.

The volume of cattle slaughtered and beef produced in 1945 was also the highest on record. Inspected cattle slaughter was more than double 1939—1,813,840 head compared to 872,574. During the last six months of 1945 over a million cattle were handled by inspectors.

Inspected slaughterings for the first half of 1946 have been below those for the same period in 1945—663,986 head compared to 734,416, or a decrease of 9.5 per cent. If estimated numbers on farms are reasonably in line with the actual holdings, it is possible that marketings in the last six months may be equal to or larger than a year ago.

Under contracts with the United Kingdom Canada has had an outlet for all surplus beef since 1944. In 1945 a total of 193,534,000 pounds of beef was exported, the major portion going to the United Kingdom. In addition, canned meat exports provided an outlet for a considerable portion of beef. It is calculated beef exports in terms of live cattle were equivalent to 647,000 head.

The present beef contract with the United Kingdom terminates at the end of 1946, but the British Ministry has indicated a desire to take our surplus in 1947 and possibly 1948. Contract negotiations are now under way.

How long Canada can hope to sell to the United Kingdom is questionable as beef from Argentina, Australia and other sources costs the British less and the quality generally is more desirable. Canada cannot hope to retain indefinitely her present position on that market. Lower costs of production in other surplus cattle-producing countries, as well as other factors, make it difficult to meet their competition. It is also reasonable to assume that lower quality beef will be cut off first, unless a depressed price is acceptable.

As previously indicated, a considerable quantity of beef was used for manufacturing canned meats, the major volume of which was shipped to UNRRA. It has now been announced that UNRRA will cease to function when present contracts are filled. Present indications are that plants will have filled Canada's quota on or before December 1st. Unless other markets for canned meat are found, considerable quantities of manufacturing beef, used in its production and derived from canners and cutters and plainer quality cattle, will have to be exported to the United Kingdom in the boneless form.

The Departments of Agriculture have recommended a policy of culling herds and disposing of inferior stock. This advice appears sound in view of the facts available at the moment. Prior to the closing of the United States' market it was not profitable under the existing tariff duties imposed on live cattle and beef to export the poorer quality of livestock to that market, either as live animals or dressed product.

Farmers planning on reducing their present holdings this year and improving their herds by retaining the better cattle are advised to consider doing so early in the fall. Although offerings were cleared reasonably promptly all week last year when a holdover of killing

cattle occurred or the market was draggy, it was the poorer quality and not the better cattle which suffered. This was indicated by the weekly published Dominion Market Reports and daily market comments appearing in the press.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It was a case of "hail and farewell" visit of H. M. C. S. Donnacona II to Charlottetown last week.

Students have begun to leave for schools and colleges on the mainland, where, for the most part, they will remain till Christmas.

Both agriculturalists and war veterans have had a good and profitable time in the City. They are ever welcome.

What puzzles most men these days is, how can U. N. hope to get anywhere by arbitration instead of war, when trades unions and industries within the respective nations fail to profit by it?

Stock gamblers, especially on margins, are finding, as many of their predecessors have in the past, that the way of the financial transgressor is no less rough and tumble than the transgressors in other respects.

One thing must be said on behalf of the Jones Government, it knows how to cater to the comfort and convenience of the best paying portion of its revenue producers.

Battle of Malplaquet fought on the Belgian border this date 1709, when the British forces under Marlborough, and the Germans under Prince Eugene inflicted a disastrous defeat on the French under Villars and Boufflers.

Contrary to reports that a few Canadian servicemen still serving overseas are likely to remain there at least "four or five years", the Department of National Defence announces that repatriation of all Canadian servicemen is expected to be completed by the end of the current year.

A number of German synthetic food products are expected to appear on world markets before long, according to Business Week. These include a meat substitute made from cheese and sugar-mill by-products; a butter substitute made from weed seeds; an artificial honey and a dehydrated butter. All these products were successfully developed during the war and have attracted the attention of international food experts.

Were there to be a Dominion-wide strike of farmers, this is what would happen: Industry, including farming, would cease, Satan would find plenty mischief for idle hands to do, anarchy would follow as the night the day, then revolution. After that farmers would have to return to till the soil for a less profitable return than ever before. Strikes never pay in the long run, the consumer always gets it "in the neck" where the unoffending chicken experiences it from the farmer's wife.

"To be, or not to be", is the question of the launching of the Car Ferry Abegweit. The son of the President of the shipbuilding company said it would not be launched till next summer. Mr. MacNaught, M.P., says it "should be" ready for service early next spring, "provided that all necessary material for her construction be available when needed." That is the rub! Mr. MacNaught, being a shrewd politician, merely hastens to help the Jones candidate out of a dilemma in the present by-election.

The British Chancellor of the Exchequer is keeping an eye on fur imports. It was suggested to him that a considerable quantity of dollar exchange is being expended on importing furs and that he has justified this policy by reference to the possible export trade in fur clothing, whereas these exports do not amount to more than one-hundredth of the value of fur imports. Mr. Dalton agreed that the hope is that the fur trade will, in a reasonable time, yield a substantial profit on foreign exchange. "If it does not," he said, "it will stop it."

Some Cockneys do not understand the King's English when spoken by Scottish soldiers. Mrs. Hughes, who ran a popular canteen back of Westminster Cathedral, told an interviewer that during the war she served hundreds of Allied soldiers who seemed to find no difficulty with the menus and to make their wants understood. But a few days before they shut down they had a customer they couldn't understand. All the staff had a go at him, without success. Nothing on the menu corresponded with the sounds he made. And at last, Mrs. Hughes declared, it turned out to be "broad Scots" and what he wanted was a bed for the night.

A controlled tractor operating exactly as if operated manually has been ploughing United Kingdom wheat fields recently. The tractor is the ordinary small type fitted with the Queen Bee apparatus used for controlling pilotless planes. It was used to plough a 14-acre field in Southern England. In one corner of the field stood the transmitting van. The tractor was pushed into position and then began to move by itself. It ploughed ten furrows, each 65 feet long in 10 minutes. Left and right turns were made perfectly. This successful experiment was the result of considerable radar research which has been carried out by the Royal Aeronautical Establishment at Farnborough, Kent. Ploughing by radio control will, if generally adopted, mean a tremendous saving in manpower, since one skilled operator can guide 6 tractors simultaneously.

Notes By The Way

Postal recognition of World War co-operation between the Allies is presented in the recent Norwegian stamp paying tribute to Canada's "Little Norway", where Norwegian filers bravely traded with the German invasion of Norway. Picturing a pilot and a mechanic marching forward with the figure of a Viking in the background, the red stamp bears the coats of arms of both Canada and Norway. "Little Norway" was located in a Toronto suburb. — Christian Science Monitor.

The Preacher Ecclesiastes spoke to a different generation, and in different times, as the woman found out who appeared before the magistrates at Eastbourne recently charged with wasting bread by feeding it to ducks on an artificial lake. In our time of near-catastrophe their waste their bread upon the waters run the risk that it will be many days before they get around to find it. — Glasgow Herald.

A young bride from the west is alleged to have been seized by an alleged seizure of gift parcels from overseas, the Board of Trade issue the following statement: Under the Import Control Regulations, all goods brought into this country must have an import license. A concession is, however, made for parcels of a certain order, all goods brought into this country must have an import license. A concession is, however, made for parcels of a certain order, all goods brought into this country must have an import license.

The National Wool Growers' Association has asked the Civilian Production Administrator to permit the lengthening of skirts by two inches. Administrator John D. Small has said no—on the ground that this would mean that the standard skirt length would be 39 inches. Under this concession such gift parcels are allowed in without an import license providing they do not exceed 100 lbs. in weight and that not more than one per centum is sent and that no parcels total more than 10 pounds gross weight. The concession is for parcels of seven pounds of foodstuffs or more than two pounds of any one foodstuff. — U. K. Information Office.

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Just when a person should be most alert to his surroundings is when he is driving a motor car. It is a fact that many people, and it constitutes one of the worst hazards of the highway. Many suggestions are offered to overcome this tendency to doze off while at the wheel. I have been struck several times in an attempt to be light sleep. It is invariably a losing battle, and the only way to win is to be wide awake. Many entries caused by those who refused to give in to lassitude, but insisted on going ahead despite the danger. It is a matter of life and death, and only one unfailing cure for this menacing sleepiness. Go to sleep. Find a place where there is sufficient space to park completely out of the roadway, stop the car, relax in the seat and have a little nap. This is the only way to be wide awake, and you will be ready to drive on, quite refreshed and alert. But under no circumstances should you attempt to keep on fighting to keep awake while you continue to drive. — Windsor Star.

Robertson, a small town in N.S.W., has resolutely repelled an intrusion of motorists into the town. These Johnny-Come-Latelies wanted to fix a set day for each month's driving, and they never even suggested before in the 20 years of the Society's existence—but a large majority supported the idea of a "Thursday of each month nearest the full moon." This arrangement was made when the society was formed, and it was an efficient motor car with gurgling headlights to go tearing over billiard table roads in the darkness. In those days members had to thread their way in buggies or on horseback along bush tracks which wound an erratic way through scrub and over hills and over dale, and they found the light of the moon a great help—particularly going home. The moon had not seen fit to break faith with the society, so why should the society break faith with the moon? — From Australian News.

How to get the bagginess out of trousers knits is one of the household problems of housewives. Clothing specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture explain that trousers bag where the fabric has been stretched and that shrinking with steam is the cure. Lay the trousers flat on the ironing board with the baggy part uppermost. Lay a wool cloth over this section and a moistened cotton cloth on top. Press gently, moving the iron from side to side so that the steam goes into the garment. Keep pressing and pulling the loose fabric into place until the fullness disappears. Then press the entire leg of the trousers until almost dry. Leave the trousers leg in position on the board for a few minutes until it is completely dry. Never press wool until it is almost dry because this makes the fibres stiff and harsh. — Fred Glickens.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Sir,—In June last I issued a proclamation requesting property owners to observe "Brighten Up Week" as a time to be particularly devoted to the beautifying of homes.

I am, Sir, etc. J. A. BERNARD, Lieutenant Governor, Government House, Charlottetown, Sept. 3, 1946.

2ND PRINCE BY-ELECTION

Sir,—The forthcoming election in the Second District of Prince Edward Island is a most interesting one. It is a contest between the late Hon. W. H. Dennis's has brought forth an exceedingly intensive drive on the part of the Liberals for a nomination and they are pretty scared over the outcome by the look of things. The people of this district are asking questions and wanting answers to the many rumors that are flying around thick and fast. One of them is that Hon. G. H. Barber who now represents this District has sold his property here and bought the farm of the late Hon. Walter Leas in his own District. It would appear as if he does not intend to pay much attention to his old District and leave it alone like he has during the past several years. Rumor also says he would look with favor on a nomination in the late Mr. Leas's District. The Liberals have also brought into the District Mr. Orville Darrach assisting in the election campaign. Darrach was an organizer for Mr. Watson McNaught who had about the lowest majorities in the County. This by-election will probably be a Liberal loss. There are some ugly rumors floating around regarding a supposed telegram read by this organizer at the last Liberal Federal Convention. Personally I have nothing against the Liberal or Conservative candidate in this by-election but I really do think that a little more opposition in the legislature would be a good thing and might be the means of cutting down on some of the Premier's proposals. Those who attended the late Liberal Convention must have been impressed with the forthright statements of Hon. W. P. MacNeil and the proposals regarding the proposed West Point ferry service and paving the road leading to it. As for the Liberal candidate, I think a good prod in the ribs in this by-election would do them good and wake them up to the fact that after all the people are now going to have something more to say than they have in the past.

ELECTOR 2ND PRINCE

AN OLD HUNTER PROTESTS Sir,—A few days ago I saw in your paper where the duck shooting season was postponed five days, or until September 25th. I would like to know the reason. I have been duck shooting every year for over 60 years. When I first started the season opened on September 1st and the game association had it postponed until Sept. 15th as the ducks were not yet fat which would be quite pin-feathery. For some reason, or to suit some individuals, it was postponed again until September 20th, which date was suitable and fair to everybody.

RECONVERT AIRCRAFT PLANT

STOCKTON, Durham, England.—(CP)—The \$3,000,000 (\$2,000,000) aircraft salvage plant at North Egglecliffe is being taken over by the Ruffield Organization for manufacture of motor vehicles and power-farming equipment.

QUICKIES



"I got the bird bath with a Guardian Want Ad—but the guest towel is my own idea!"

Trumpet With Uncertain Sounds

(Globe and Mail)

There was a strong element of timidity in the Canadian Bar Association's handling of the report of its Civil Liberties Committee. It is true that in voting to uphold the committee's recommendations, the association was, in effect, giving approval to the premises upon which the resolutions were based. Nevertheless, in endeavoring to separate the "effects" from the "causes" more than a mere legalistic quibble is involved. The amendment to delete the entire preamble from the report was offered by Senator John T. Halg of Winnipeg, with the admission that "What we should do is accept the recommendations of the committee, but not the recitals. Don't let us take part in a political argument."

By their vote, it is evident that the majority of the lawyers present concurred with that sentiment. In so doing, however, the association almost unavoidably left the implication that the Government's action in the present case acted other than it did, but that it would be well if it did not do again.

Though the Bar Association avoided basing its constructive recommendations on the recital of a specific case, there can be no quarrel with its "uncompromising support of the rule of law," and of the freedom of the press. In calling for changes to strengthen the Canada Evidence Act; for the repeal of the practice of appointing judges as Royal Commissioners to "inquire into the conduct of persons suspected of espionage or treason," and for the withholding of reports by any such commission until after the persons suspected have been tried by the court in the usual manner, the Bar Association was obviously working for the best interests of the country.

Its inconsistency in begging off the hint of criticism of the Government in its recommendations, only to imply it in the recommendations, gives its voice an uncertain sound on an issue where it is the duty of every citizen, especially those professionally associated with the law, to speak clearly. As Mr. R.M. Williams has put it very cogently, "Even if the State in direct peril, we are still a democracy, and must adhere to democratic principles. We must not allow ourselves to be lulled into a false sense of security by the possibility that circumstances justify exceptions, which human liberty, it is all or nothing."

September 20th, and one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset, there is going to be a lot of previous disappointment to the sportsmen to ramp their fields and property after Hungarian Partridge.

I believe this will result in a lot of farmers prohibiting hunting on their property at all, even poachers will have five days to get their traps set in ponds and lakes and take pot shots at the ducks before the law-abiding sportsmen can get out.

I would like very much to see the season put back to the 20th, which I consider an ideal date and fair to everybody.

ST. JOHN'S, Md., Sept. 6

(CP)—CP's Bailey, 25, and Gordon Bailey, 45, were drowned today when their canoe overturned on the main waters of Bowater Lake. A third member of the party was rescued.

The Poets Corner

A VETERAN BLIND

Though he is blind, please do not treat him as a thing apart. Please try to understand that he has everything another has except his sight. Impressions are first-hand. From every other sense, so lend him eyes. If you can then be pals, life will be grand. And every day will blossom with surprise. He knows the sun is shining—he can feel. Its genial rays of health wing down from space. Try not to let a pitying tear-drop steal. Across the loveliness of your sweet words. Nor utter unrequested soothing words. He smells spring flowers! Lead him to their place. And thrill, as he does, to the songs of birds!

—William D. DeCoste, Canadian Army, (Formerly of Charlottetown.)

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