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

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Why Lecture Our Farmers?

A wish that "every citizen could realize how important for the whole world is the production of food in Canada" was expressed by Acting Prime Minister St. Laurent a few days ago in opening the Ottawa winter fair.

No question about the need in Europe and elsewhere for food; but what our farmers are worrying about just now is how the Government proposes to facilitate the marketing and distribution of the abundant crops they have on hand.

In this Province they are already finding that previous assurances of a satisfactory supply of reefer cars for their potato and turnip shipments were somewhat premature.

In the disposal of other products, our farmers are still handicapped by exorbitant freight rate increases and lack of truck transport facilities to and from the mainland.

Another serious situation is that involved in Great Britain's plan for drastic cuts in her imports of foodstuffs from Canada in 1949.

By and large, our farmers seem to be about the only ones who have realized "how important for the whole world is the production of food in Canada".

In Saskatchewan Too

The C.C.F.'s in Saskatchewan, like Party governments elsewhere, are finding it hard sledding to keep within estimates.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Cranberries, known as "the children's money-makers" are more than maintaining their reputation here.

The way iron and steel scrap is being cleaned up now, there will be none available for scrap drives in the event of another war in the near future.

Newfoundland has properly been seeking the best possible terms for her entry into confederation, but it might be well for her delegates to consider that each financial concession to her will probably be extended to the other provinces sooner or later and she will have to bear her share of the total burden.

As a result of redemption and refunding operations next week Canada will reduce her national debt by \$130,954,600.

We stand corrected. Prince County Liberals have nominated Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, M.P., as their standard bearer for next election.

"To be or not to be" is still the question farmers are puzzling over the proposal to wipe out the ban on margarine.

There will be considerable sympathy for assistant commissioner C. K. Gray of the R. C. M. P. in his protest against a proposal at the recent Dominion-Provincial tourist conference to use Royal Canadian Mounted Police in their colourful uniforms as a tourist attraction.

An aspect of highway maintenance which has not received sufficient attention in this province is uniformity of traffic signs.

Early Canadian moments are coming back home. After 65 years, a set of sleigh bells, with plumes, etc., are returning to Ottawa.

Farmers are being threatened with prosecution for trapping red foxes. Is this good policy? In England the farmers claim that were it not for fox hunting the country would be over-run by Mr. Reynard to the detriment of their poultry industry.

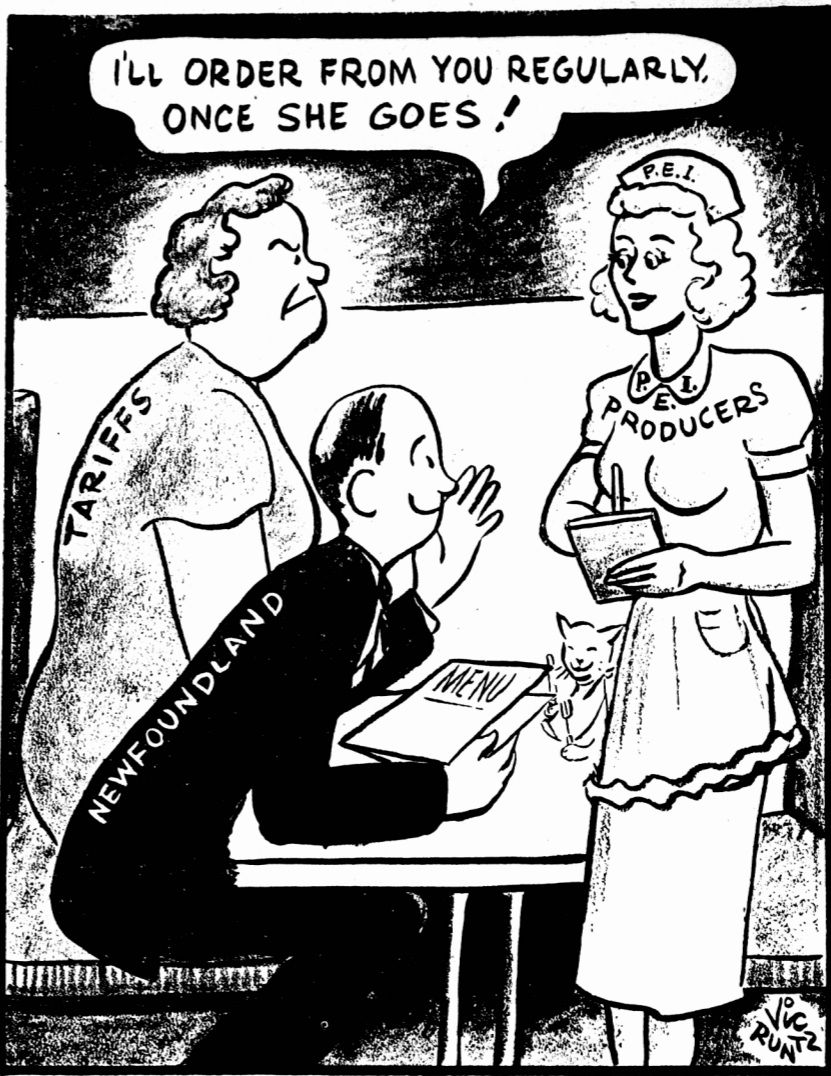
Premier Jones is rather rejoiced than disappointed that he was not nominated as a Federal candidate for Queen's. He has another four years to run as Premier and much may happen in the interim, including the adjunct of Newfoundland.

Joan Keats, English poet, born this date 1795; son of a livery-stable keeper in London, he subsequently studied medicine, but after qualifying he abandoned that profession for literature.

The work and responsibilities of the Provincial Government are increasing by leaps and bounds. New duties are being thrust upon it, and were it not for the able and much abused bureaucrats who practically assume, or have per force to undertake the duties of Ministers it would be difficult for the administration to function properly.

A record probably unique in Canada was that achieved by the late Mr. Fidele T. Arsenault, general merchant, of Wellington, who passed away on Wednesday at the age of ninety-eight.

In reference to the visit of the Rev. Dean of Canterbury to Canada the following statement is issued by the Primate of All England, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev. Geoffrey F. Fisher, D.D.: "It is unfortunately the case that recent actions and utterances of the Dean of Canterbury have given rise to widespread misunderstandings and misconceptions both on the Continent and in the United States, liable to affect the relations of the Church of England with foreign Churches or countries.



The Poet's Corner

CRUELTY OF QUIET

Pull down the blinds of my mind To draw within, within deep caverns of thought, The subjective retreat of the tired, the wan, the worn.

Old Charlottetown

LEGISLATIVE TOPICS

In 1825 Lieutenant Governor Reid commenced his reign by rewarding the bear hunters and killers of wild cats, and by warring against his Excellency's thoughts.

To diminish the use of rum and brandy there was a duty put on tea and the solace of mankind, tobacco, became a contributor to the revenue.

No Small Potatoes

(Windsor Star)

If ever occasion arises when it becomes necessary for a Canadian Government spokesman to use blunt language to anyone in the United States, Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe is the man to do it.

Potatoes are big business in the New England States, especially in Maine. There have been objections raised to Canadian spuds getting across the line, competing with the local product there.

The United States has nothing about which to kick, really. Trouble is, an election campaign is on there, and some New England candidates are going to ride into office on a bag of potatoes.

Split Infinitives

(Ottawa Citizen)

A heated controversy has been stirred among English stylists over the defence of the split infinitive made recently by Prof. H. S. Davies of Cambridge University.

The soundest view seems to be that to split an infinitive, it is necessary to naturally lead one to split. In that case, the rule should be: Split, if it naturally leads to splitting.

Submarine Bridge

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Public Forum

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Why for Tourists Only?

Sir,—I see it is reported that we are at last to have a museum on the Island, but why at Cavendish?

Carrie E. Holman

Summerside, October 23

ing accorded the right to embrace all infinitives, both split and un-split.

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An Ottawa constable blames mothers for children's jay-walking. While the police force and safety patrols are trying to train young folks to observe the traffic rules, walk with the green lights, wait for the patrol boys and girls to give the high sign, mothers rush right through all the safe-guards.

Let us look at the question frankly. If our young people are the first consideration then I ask again why a museum at Cavendish, where it would be visited at most during three months of the year largely by tourists and for the other nine months be practically empty?

I do not suggest for a moment that it should be located at Summerside—this is once when our residents would readily yield the right to Charlottetown! There it would be available to a large number of school children, to the students at Prince of Wales and St. Dunstan's and to the children all over the Island whose parents would be going to Charlottetown—and as for the tourists I doubt if any leave the Island without visiting the Capital.

Let us see that first things are put first. Few have such richness of heritage as we and our young people must be given the fullest opportunity through a museum of creating in their imagination the early life of our Island Province.

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