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Institute Resolutions

The keen interest shown by the Women's Institutes in education was reflected in the resolutions passed at the annual convention of the Provincial organization last week. One resolution, dealing with the need of Federal aid in promoting educational activities, seems to go to the root of the whole matter.

The Women's Institutes also request prompt Government action in providing regional high school facilities in each County, and a dormitory for Prince of Wales College students "for immediate occupation".

In the case of another resolution, stressing the need of a home and school for subnormal children, it was pointed out to the convention that the first requirement would be trained personnel, which is unavailable at present.

Reds In The Low Countries

A significant and encouraging feature of voting in recent elections in the Low Countries, reports the Montreal Gazette, was that the already limited, minority toehold of Communist representation in elective bodies was shaken down to a new level.

The Reds' loss of popular support was particularly noticeable in the parliamentary election in Belgium, where the number of Communist seats was sliced in half in both the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate.

In The Netherlands, the desertion of the Communists in the trend of popular feeling was reflected in returns from municipal voting in the principal centres of the country.

Farm Prospects Reviled

In a recent issue of Current Review of Agricultural Conditions in Canada, a publication of the Economics Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, the agricultural situation is reviewed for the early months of the year.

Indications on April 30 were that western farmers planned to increase wheat by about three million acres over that of 1948, and to reduce the area seeded to coarse grains and flaxseed. In Ontario, farmers intended to reduce their 1949 wheat acreage and to increase the area seeded to coarse grains.

Cattle marketings increased while marketings of other kinds of livestock declined sharply during the first five months of 1949 as compared with the same period in 1948.

Total milk production during the first part of 1949 was greater than for the comparable period of last year. The production of cheddar cheese and concentrated milk products during the first quarter of 1949 increased considerably over the first quarter of 1948.

cream sales, as well as butter production, were slightly higher this year, although it is not likely that an increased percentage of the total milk production was diverted to these uses.

Egg production during January to April, 1949 was 11 per cent below that of 1948 with prices averaging slightly higher.

Farm wages continue at a high level with rates paid during May, 1949 at the highest levels in Western Canada.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is something new and encouraging to find an advertisement for boys to go to a summer camp.

The London dockworkers' boycott of the balloting on a proposal to return to work seems a move to keep control of members and to prevent secret voting.

Red Cross swimming instructors are doing invaluable work. If only one life is saved by their instruction that would be return enough.

With steadily improved transportation and packing, strawberries are becoming an important crop here and in the Maritimes generally.

This year drought has stalked in many quarters, in the Old World and the New. Our island farmers may not be altogether satisfied with moisture conditions but to our neighbours it seems like a promise of plenty.

Another shackle has been knocked off international travel. Canadians possessing a passport may now visit Sweden for three months without obtaining a visa.

Summerside's Canadian Citizenship Council has undertaken a most important task. Helping new Canadians to find themselves will sometimes be far from easy but efforts in developing good citizens are well worth while.

The Maritimes are ordinarily free from cyclones and hurricanes so that the "miniature tornado" which twice struck central Nova Scotia in the last few days destroying buildings and tossing lumber piles like match sticks, comes as a reminder of our general good fortune.

Dairymen are concerned about the future of the industry and are looking for ways of increasing consumption of dairy products. The most obvious market, of course, is that now being supplied by butter substitutes which frequently have a water content far in excess of that permitted to butter.

British Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison complains that many coal miners have transferred their hatred for the former private owners to the National Coal Board which now runs the pits.

Dr. Gustave Gingras, Director of the Paraplegic Centre for Queen Mary's Veterans' Hospital, etc., who is to address a public meeting in Prince of Wales College tonight, is not an Islander, but next door to one, being engaged to Miss Rena MacLean, daughter of Mr. Roy MacLean, Souris. He is to be a guest at Rotary today.

Canada and her capital city are practically at daggers drawn, according to the Ottawa Journal. The cause of this state of affairs is a question of parking rights.

Professor J. C. Spence of the Babies Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne, believes that mother-love can be as healing as medical science. A member of his staff stated: "We have proved conclusively, to our satisfaction, that if mothers can be with very sick children while they are in the hospital, recovery is speeded up and psychologically the children benefit enormously."

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At Upton - Some Are Ottawa-Bound

SUMMERTIME (AND IT'S OUTING TIME FOR THE BOY SCOUTS)
Illustration of a Boy Scout in uniform standing in a camp setting with a tent and trees. Text includes 'SWIMMING - HIKING WOODCRAFT' and a testimonial from a Scoutmaster.

You hear that boy laughing? You think he's all fun; But the Angels laugh, too, at the good he has done; The children laugh loud as they troop at his call, And the poor man that knows him laughs loudest of all

The Poet's Corner

THE SCHOONER

Just mark that schooner westward far at sea, When she was lying bogshut at the quay, And drag her to and fro, And tugged, and stamped, and shoved, and pushed, and swore, And ever and anon, with capricious glee, Grinned homage to viragoes on the shore.

So to the jetty gradual she was hauled; Then one the tiller took, And chewed, and spat upon his hand, And leaped, and lurched in many a sportive wheel, Forth like a mouldy bat; and one, with nod on the bowsprit-rod, and called, And cursed the harbour-master by his gods.

And, rotten from the gunwale to Rat-riddled, bilge-bestank, Slim-slobbered, horrible, I saw her reel, And drag her oozy flank, And spawl among the detritus waves, that laughed, And leaped, and lurched in many a sportive wheel, As she tumbled onward with her lumbering draught.

And now, behold! a shadow of repose, Upon a line of gray, She sleeps, that transverse cuts the evening rose, She sleeps, and beams away Soft-blended in a unity of rest, All jars and strifes obscene, and, 'neath the broad benediction of the West.

-T. E. Brown

Old Charlottetown

RURAL SCHOOL CONDITIONS

Rural areas are still handicapped educationally, but nothing to what they were in this Province a century ago, as appears from the following excerpt from the annual report, 1948, of Mr. John Arbuckle, visitor to the district schools for Prince County.

"Our school-houses in general are badly located, exposed to the noise, turbulent danger of the highway, unattractive if not positively repulsive in their external and internal appearances, and built at the least public expense of material and labour. Such has been the prevailing uniformity as yet, that it has hardly been deemed necessary to make use of any other terms of description in the building contract, than a 'school-house' of the given dimensions. The side line of the public road, and the most worthless parcel of land in the district, if the land can be found in juxtaposition, seem to be the favored locality.

They are too small, badly lighted, and imperfectly warmed. They are not furnished with seats and desks, properly made and adjusted to each other, and arranged in such a manner as to promote the comfort and convenience of the scholars. The seats are too high, with no suitable support for the back, and especially for the younger children. The desks are too high for the seats, and are either attached to the wall on three sides of the room, so that the faces of the children are turned from the teacher, and a portion of them at least are tempted constantly to look out at the windows, or the seats are attached to the wall on opposite sides, and the scholars sit facing each other.

They are not provided with black-boards, maps, and other apparatus and fixtures, which are indispensable to a well regulated and instructed school. Mr. James Warburton has lately erected a commodious and neatly constructed school-house for the accommodation of the children on Lot 11. And it is gratifying to learn that the black-board, that 'right arm of the true teacher,' has found its way into the Central School at Bedeque, and a few others."

SOMETHING NEW

OTTAWA - (CP) - David N. Gill had to ride his own street cars for a while, Mr. Gill is manager of

PUBLIC FORUM

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

AN EXEMPLARY RECORD

Sir,-Few young men have the record of disinterested public service that is to the credit of Melvin J. McQuaid, B.A. LL.B., the Progressive Conservative candidate in the forthcoming bye-election in the First District of King's County.

Born at Souris 37 years ago, Mr. McQuaid received his early education at the Souris High School. After graduation there, he attended St. Dunstan's University, where he received his B.A. degree and then took his law course at Dalhousie University Law School where he graduated with honours and the degree of

After being admitted to the bar of P. E. I. Mr. McQuaid began the practice of his profession in his native town and soon built up a large practice. Despite this large and growing practice he has found time to participate in all movements for the good of the community and the nation and has given unparagonably a good time for Eastern King's County, the auto traffic, the crowds on the trains, the stones on the bench, the umpire's

During the war years and after Mr. McQuaid was head of the Victory Loan drives in this vicinity and made an outstanding success. He was for a time president and later secretary of the local Carry-on-Canada Corps which raised thousands of dollars for war purposes and the sending of Red Cross drives for Eastern King's County.

In addition to these and many more public spirited and useful contributions to the public welfare probably Mr. McQuaid's most valuable services has been as secretary-treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Souris Hospital. From the cold December night when this project first was discussed until now he has, along with other members of the Board, worked up to its present high standard of efficiency and public service.

As well as being a successful lawyer, Mr. McQuaid is also (which does not always follow) a man of good business ability and sound common sense and if the electors of the good old First District will send him to the Legislature on July 18th they will be making a distinct contribution to the debating strength and general usefulness of that body.

We need men like that regardless of their political labels and his election might encourage other young men of public spirit to enter politics and raise the standard of our Legislative bodies.

I am, Sir, etc. VOTER.

The Age-Old Story

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

The Ottawa Transportation Commission and his car was stolen when he left it parked in an O.T.C. garage.

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Unfair To July

(The Printed Word) July gets a poor shake from the poets and the literary gentry in general. Bartlett's Familiar Quotations mentions it three times, but only one of these references is laudatory.

July is the best month, in Canada anyway. For one thing, it is a good month for getting no work done. Another advantage is that you don't need clothes or much food, so work is unnecessary. People are away, so you don't have to talk to them or listen to them.

The fault is not July's, but with the poets and everybody. We live in anticipation and don't appreciate a good thing when we have it. Bartlett lists 58 honorable mentions for Spring and only 16 for Summer. Yet Spring is merely the promise of getting no work done. Another advantage is that you don't need clothes or much food, so work is unnecessary.

THE WAR'S OVER

WINNIPEG - (GCP) - The threat of enemy sabotage in Winnipeg officially ended on June 23. That was the day the public works committee reopened a lane beside an electrical substation. It had been closed with barbed wire in October, 1939, but was opened when the electric company found it had been paying taxes on the lane.

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Notes By The Way

Mr. Fitzman is a strong advocate of spelling reform. We do not know whether he would agree, but we feel sure spelling reform will have to change the average person will accept. Reform actually takes place all the time.

The American Automobile Association reports an all-time high in trouble calls during 1948. Some 40,000,000 American motorists experienced difficulties on the road. A great many of these calls could be traced to human negligence, but it does not explain the nine per cent increase over 1947's trouble calls.

More than half the people of New Brunswick earn their living from the forests, directly or indirectly. Sixty cents of every dollar's worth of industrial production in the province is derived from wood. Last year New Brunswick industries based on the timberlands-pulp and paper mills, sawmills, wood working plants, pulping, pit props, ties, poles, firewood-had an aggregate output valued at \$124,000,000.

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