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Easter

In this Province, as throughout Canada and the rest of the western Christian world, special religious services will mark the occasion of the Easter festival tomorrow. It will be the first Easter since the close of World War II, and the anniversary, with all its joyous and solemn associations, will have special significance on that account.

While there is uniformity as to its meaning, there have been many controversies waged over the correct date of the Easter observance. This was one of the disputes which led Constantine to summon the Council of Nicea in 325. The decision of the council was unanimous that Easter was to be kept on Sunday, and on the same Sunday throughout the world, the correct date to be calculated at Alexandria, the home of astronomical science.

Briefly, Easter day is the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox; but this of course varies in different longitudes, while a further difficulty occurred in the attempt to fix the correct time of Easter by means of cycles of years, when the changes of the sun and moon more or less exactly repeat themselves. At first an eight years cycle was adopted, but it was found to be faulty; then the Jewish cycle of 84 years was used, and remained in force at Rome till the year 457, when a more accurate calculation of a cycle of 532 years took its place.

The Gregorian correction of the calendar in 1582 once more led to difficulties. It is now universally accepted by Western Christendom, and Easter is kept on the same day; but this change did not take place in Great Britain and Ireland until 1752. The Eastern churches still go their own way in this matter, and it is rarely indeed, as was the case in 1865, that their Easter and that of the Western churches coincide.

But the sanctity of special times was an ideal absent from the minds of the first Christians. "The whole of time is a festival unto Christians because of the excellency of the good things which have been given," is the comment of St. Chrysostom on 1 Cor. v. 7.

sold stood at 104.4, while the price of the goods that he had to buy remained at 107.3.

There was no collusion between Mr. Bracken's intervention in the Commons on behalf of the farmer and the delegation which the Canadian Federation of Agriculture sent two days later to wait upon the Prime Minister and the members of the Federal Cabinet.

The Farm Federation asked generally for a Royal Commission to investigate the broad economic plight of the farm producer. But they also asked specifically for higher prices in line with increased production costs, especially in the field of dairying where they sought an increase of four cents per pound in the price of butter.

The play is entitled "Stray Cats", and it is under the skilled direction of our veteran actor-director, Mr. J. Austin Trainor, C.D.A. It is being presented by the St. Charles Auxiliary of the Hospital, and there is every reason to expect that the attendance at both performances will be large, representative and appreciative.

Two mail deliveries a day have been resumed in Montreal for the first time in the past four years.

Though the British Loan failed to pass through Parliament before the Easter adjournment, it is sure of early passage when the House and Senate resume at the end of the month.

The stores did a roaring trade in available Thursday, which was equivalent to Friday, and pre-Easter.

There is almost certain to be large attendances at the churches tomorrow in celebration of Easter—"the Queen of Festivals". Great preparations have been made for the important occasion.

Governor-General Alexander has, like Mr. Churchill, painting as one of his pastimes, and has brought a full painter's outfit with him to indulge his hobby. His first endeavour will be to reproduce on canvas the landscape looking down to Governor's Bay from Government House Hill.

Congratulations are in order to Lieut.-Col. James R. Stewart on his important appointment as Provost Marshal for Canada. He rose by sheer merit from the ranks, and reflects credit on his native Province and city.

Notes By The Way

An exchange states that the Department of Agriculture is working on new grass spray that will kill weeds, fertilize the ground and eliminate insects.

An odd little story comes from London about some of the youngsters who for the first time in their lives are being given bananas.

Orson Welles tells this story of how a star was born. Eleonora Duse was an unrepentant, unambitious actress in the theatre in the Italian city.

The Pure Milk Association has dealt a mathematical blow to the dangerous tendency of men to generalize about women.

Pardon us while we shed a few crocodile tears for the major league owner of the Boston Red Sox, who is being hurt at finding themselves confronted by competition.

For the first time in history Ontario has taken an official position that ships belong to the feminine gender.

Go far further than Isaiah's prophecy that the nations shall be their swords into ploughshares. Britain has begun to beat her planes into the ground.

Relations between local residents and the Canadian troops stationed in England during the long wait for D-Day were mixed.

Before Parliament reassembles after Easter recess the co-ordinating committee of the Dominion-Provincial Conference will have resumed its sittings.

To show that higher returns to farmers were not an incentive to profiteer but were merely essential to meet out-of-pocket production costs, the Progressive Conservative leader, Mr. Bracken, recently quoted government statistics in the House of Commons.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest.

MINISTER APPEALS FOR FARM HELP
Sir, in view of the fact that suffering and death by starvation will be the prospect for millions of innocent people, adults and children, unless the year's output of foodstuffs is above average.

DR. GRANT'S REJOINER
Sir, in your footnote to my letter on Unemployment published in the Guardian on April 13th, you in vain effort to save your face.

THE CHILD AND THE MOVIES
Sir—Many parents are of the opinion that most of what their children see in the movies "passes through their heads."

BREAD FOR THE STARVING
Sir—I should like to say a few words in commendation of the letter of Adele Hemming's recent letter which appeared in your Forum.

UNOSTENTATIOUS GIFT APPRECIATED
Sir—Tucked away quietly in the press a couple of days ago was an announcement of great importance.

UNOSTENTATIOUS GIFT APPRECIATED (continued)
Each bed in the Sanatorium is provided with earphones, and as there is the only form of entertainment available to the medical staff for announcements or passing on instructions in the cure of the patient.

THE EASTER MESSAGE
Sir—Christ is risen! The Easter message is the story of eternal triumph of life over death.

THE EASTER MESSAGE (continued)
True believers know that Christ arose and that they are risen with Him. We know Him as the living and interceding Christ.

THE EASTER MESSAGE (continued)
There have been many false Christs as God told us there would be; but only one came back from the grave and revealed Himself to His followers.

THE EASTER MESSAGE (continued)
The resurrection of Christ is the dead certifies and assures His immortality for us. It is not a mere legend.

Memories of The Past

The Old Charlottetown Cemetery, Elm Avenue (F. E. I. Magazine, 1899)

As we pass along we notice an inscription to Lemuel Cambridge, who, it says, died in 1876, aged 34 years.

Mr. Evans came to Charlottetown about the year 1760. He started a store with Mr. Wm. Bremner in or about the year 1800 on Water Street.

Another investigation, carried out by the University of Chicago, on the influence of the movies on conduct uncovered some rather disturbing facts.

Among those whose names were associated with the order we find Thomas Alexander, who died in 1824. He was for many years a member of the Court and Sergeant at Arms.

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The Poets Corner

Break the box and feed the birds; Stop not now to count the cost; Eilmer bring pearl, opal, and; Fleck not what the poet have lost.

1810. Two long, low houses built of clay (commonly called cat and fiddle houses) existed in Kent Street, the corner west along Kent Street.

On the first marble stone erected in the Colony to commemorate the dead, is an inscription to Mary, wife of Robert Gray, a Loyalist and retired officer.

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RUPTURED?

Thousands of persons are being victimized each year by false claims of "Euro-Curo" rupture treatments.

OUTSIDE of a surgical operation, a cure for ruptured hernia is the only safe way for rupture.

Your individual requirements may call for a different size of the new, scientific, light-weight type which requires only one-half the space of all other types.

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