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

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The Poultry Problem

For some six years, during the war emergency, Canadian poultrymen were able to concentrate on production alone. Marketing was comparatively easy, thanks to British markets and money, and the Special Poultry Products Board at Ottawa.

In an unfavourable market, this twin-tined tariff is to be doubly damned. Not only is there a loss on the surplus itself, but it drives down the price on the domestic market.

This situation was reviewed recently before the Prince Edward Island Poultry Council by Mr. W. A. Brown, O.B.E., manager of the Special Poultry Products Branch, Ottawa.

Mr. Brown reports that Canadian poultrymen unanimously support in principle a "central pool marketing agency" for the sale of poultry products surplus to domestic requirements.

Three forms of a central agency emerge: 1, a similar organization to that of the Wheat Board; 2, Provincial Marketing Boards under a National Marketing Board for all agricultural products; and 3, a Crown company designed to promote the best interests of the poultrymen.

Two arguments in favour of a similar arrangement to that of the Wheat Board are that such a method utilizes, without disturbing, the present handling and marketing facilities of the poultry industry and that profits would accrue to the producer rather than the speculator.

The second suggestion, of Provincial Marketing Boards, would include all food products and is supported by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Declared unconstitutional when it was originally introduced by the Bennett Government as the Dominion Marketing Act, it is now being dusted off, reviewed and presented again.

One swallow does not make a summer, nor does one C.C.F. gain in British Columbia Legislature indicate the end of the Liberal-Conservative coalition there. In a 48 seat house the Liberals number 20, the Conservatives 16, the C.C.F. 11, and Labour 1.

The legal abolition of untouchability by the Dominion of India marks what is probably the greatest human advance in this era. Some six million men, women and children are released from the bondage of caste which held their forefathers since the same Northern invaders who swarmed into Europe came down on India and subjugated the native population and established the caste system to avoid being submerged by their victims.

Herando Cortez, Spanish soldier, died this date 1547; assisted in the conquest of Cuba and the establishment of Spain's footing in Mexico; founded Vera Cruz, and was worshipped as a god by the subjects of the Emperor Montezuma.

The Task Ahead

Real hope of rebuilding a functioning system of world trade was seen by Mr. H. D. Burns, president of the Bank of Nova Scotia in his address yesterday at the Bank's 117th. annual meeting.

tial progress in restoring their production and trade. The European Recovery Program is providing the essential time to press ahead their individual and joint plans of recovery.

At the same time, Mr. Burns stressed that there is still a long way to go before most overseas countries reach a position in which they are likely to ease their import and export restrictions.

Our trading problem is not simply a question of balancing our receipts and outlays of U. S. dollars. Fundamentally, it is one of keeping overseas markets for export produce for which we cannot expect to find adequate or lasting markets on this continent.

Stating that European recovery is still the primary task, Mr. Burns emphasized that Canada's interest in such recovery is even broader than that of keeping markets, important as that is. It involves "our hopes of peace and of the building of a workable international system.

In these circumstances, it is particularly important that we on this continent endeavour to keep our affairs in good order so that we may play our full part in world recovery and in defence of the way of living which emphasizes the rights and worth of the individual.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Child welfare workers say there are no bad children, only bad parents. That, of course, is not literally true. The parents of youngsters who get into trouble, however, must themselves turn over a new leaf or there is little hope of influencing the betterment of the youngsters.

Press reports tell that the French coal miners' strike has ended with "so gains to anyone." This is probably not the view of Moscow. No misfortune that can befall the non-Communist world is without its value to Soviet Russia.

Accountants generally look upon themselves as members of a progressive profession. That they have conservative tendencies is evident from the long and, for the most part, unsuccessful campaign to drop the cents in the financial statements of great corporations. According to the Montreal Gazette the battle is still going on.

Some merchants' Wednesday half holidays are now off till after the New Year. Christmas Day falling on a Saturday this year, with a day of rest following, it is uncertain whether Boxing Day which will fall on Monday 27th, will be observed by many, or any, of the stores this year.

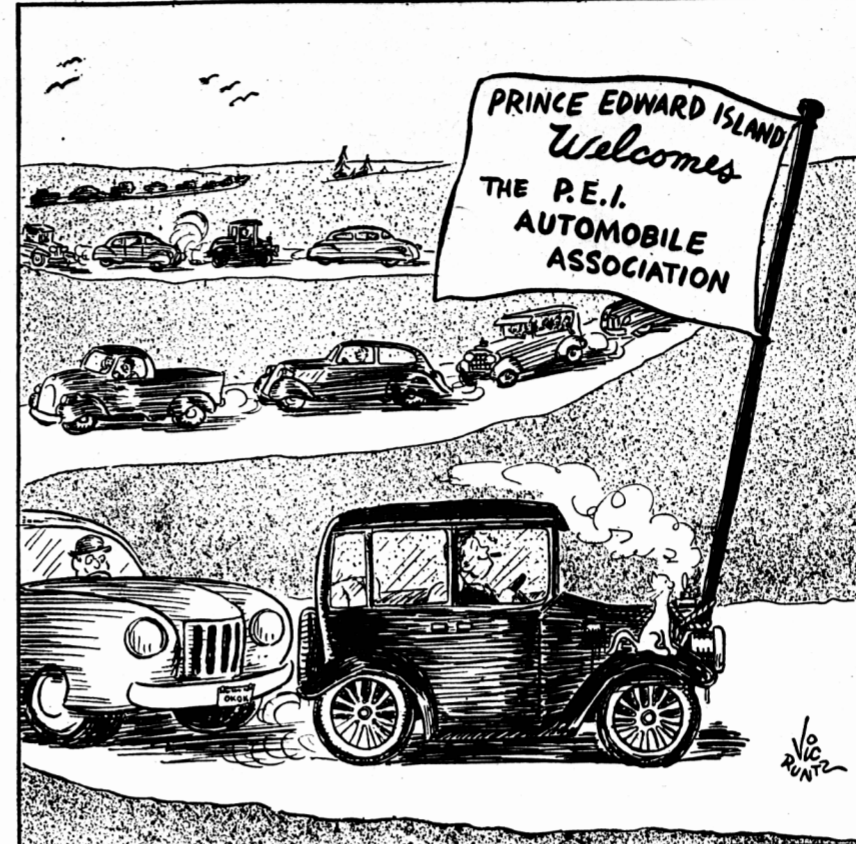
Parking meters may meet with opposition from an unexpected source. According to one report where the meters were installed the youngster's piggy bank is apt to suffer from the innovation. It seems that Daddy can't contribute pennies any more. He has to have them for the parking meters.

A woman speaking in the National Museum at Ottawa recently made the well-founded complaint that Canadian history, being written almost exclusively by men, overlooks the vital role played by Canada's pioneer women, both English and French. It looks as if the sex will have to produce its own historian if full justice is to be done to the women who helped build this land.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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RAILWAY PENSIONS

Sr. — I listened recently to speakers giving many reasons why the employees of the Civil Service of Canada should receive an increase in salary, and they showed they had a good case. One thing they mentioned was that their salary only averaged \$123. per month. I was wondering however, if they could not live on that salary, how would they like to try and subsist on a pension of from \$38. up to \$60 per month as thousands of C.N.R. pensioners all across Canada are doing today?

The Old Age Pension Board pays as high as \$30 per month to the man, and \$30 per month to his wife, but the C.N.R. Pension Board pays, say \$40. per month to the man alone and he and his wife have to try and live on that. I think it is about time that something was done to remedy this condition as it is getting very serious with those old people who are trying to exist on \$40. or \$50. per month.

"Problem of the Ruhr"

(By W. N. Ewer) The "problem of the Ruhr" is in the foreground of the diplomatic scene again this week.

The basic difficulty of the whole question is its dual character. Many people think of "the Ruhr" as simply as one of "security" against a future re-arming of Germany for purposes of aggression. If it were the remedy would be comparatively simple.

But the Ruhr is, in fact, the greatest single area of coal and metallurgical production in all Europe and, indeed, in the world. It is the source of power and raw materials for the West and for Europe as a whole. It is the source of raw materials for the East as well.

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That is the residual problem of the Ruhr. It is by no means an easy one. And the preliminary discussions of it which are expected during the London talks are likely to be far more important than the mere setting-up of an organization to allocate West German production of coal, coke and steel as between export and home consumption.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

LEGISLATIVE TOPICS

In 1830, pilots, passengers, and schools lead off the discussions in the Legislature, and marriages, baptisms and other accidents follow. His Majesty's Roman Catholic subjects want relief, and get it, and the duties of Excise are made secure. Boundary lines receive attention, and pounds are provided in the Royalties; and, as if by way of anticipating consequences, an Act is passed for the summary conviction and punishment of persons committing common assault and battery.

A jail is built in Charlottetown; hawkers and pedlars are taken notice of, and sea and tobacco yield a good duty, that Act is continued. More Treasury notes are wanted, and a fund for erecting public buildings, licenses to innkeepers, pump money, and increase of revenue from the introduction of molasses and sugar, and the old subject of rum, come in for their share of notice.

In 1831, the health of jail birds, by giving them outside exercise, is provided for by means of a five years' furlough. (An amnesty on a small scale, on the accession of William the Fourth). Tax on dogs has been repealed, and commission for public works appointed; sheep reared are nominated; litigation discouraged, while bears and wild cats come to grief. More Treasury notes are wanted, innkeepers require to be regulated, and pumps, wells and streets of Charlottetown looked after. Governor Ready's legislative reign closes by appropriations for the service of the year of our Lord, 1831.

Governor Young, like his predecessor, begins with oysters, objects to their destruction, and does not like their shells made into lime. He thinks certain persons should put their marriages on record, wishes the removal of nuisances from the streets of Charlottetown, and retains, by summary capias, persons about to leave the Island. The rivers come in for a share of amendment. Prince County nurtured one sheep, and Princetown objects to swine. Soldiers stay too long in taverns, and get inn-keepers into trouble.

The "Don't-you-wish-you-may-get-it-Act", requiring proprietors to put their titles on proper record, is found to be no good, and steps are taken to prevent the importation and spreading of infectious diseases. Justices of the Peace, hitherto, could impose penalties, but in some cases there was no provision for the enforcing thereof. This finds a remedy. The minister and trustees of St. James Church, Charlottetown, become a corporation, and the minister and elders of St. John's Church, Belfast, receive a similar ratification. The Court of Escheat Bill is shelved in the Royal presence. The revenue is attempted to be increased, and a fresh lease given to the Rum Act. The collector of Impost and Excise is allowed £98 17s. more than was granted in 1785 for the whole support of His Majesty's Government in this Island. Georgetown comes in for a share of preservation, and the mills are conveyed by a steam vessel between Charlottetown and Picton.

From "The Progress and Picton, etc., 1831, by C. Birch Bagster.

Bright New Comet Sighted By Russians

MOSCOW, Dec. 1. — (Reuters) — A new comet, described as the brightest seen for 10 years, has been under observation for several days by astronomers at Stalinsk in Tadzhik, southernmost Soviet republic.

The comet can be seen at dawn in the constellation of Hydra near the sun.

Stadium is the Latin form of a Greek word for a standard of length.

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- Notes By The Way -

The statistician tells us that during the first nine months of the year enough beer was manufactured in Canada to gladden every citizen ten gallons of it. Remembering that a good many Canadians still shun beer, we can only assume that some of the others were using it in lieu of but-water and beverage-room observations sometimes confirm that theory. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

Spices truly sail the seven seas when you consider that ginger comes from a plant found in the East and West Indies and China. Cinnamon is cultivated in Ceylon, East Indies and China. From the East Indies comes nutmeg. Cloves are grown in the Molucca or "Spice Islands", West and East Indies and islands off the coast of East Africa. Allspice is the berry of the pimento or Jamaica pepper, and is said to contain the flavors of cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. — Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Something should be said about quietness. In an age that is loud with pleasure and pain, it is something to be sought for. Scripture says the Lord was not in the wind, the earthquake, the fire, but in the still small voice. Not in turbulence, fury and chaos is reality found. The petals of a rose unfold in silence. Soundlessly the stars come out. In quiet dawn floods the new-born east. The figure of a descender, mist rises, clouds part and gather, sunset deepens and seasons bring each other in. Only in quietness can one sense the rhythm of the universe. Only when noises are hushed—loud outward sounds and inner turbulence of thought—is harmony felt and known. Only then is there assurance of irreversible good and abiding, indestructible peace. — Montreal Gazette.

The elaborate ceiling of the East Room, which weighs 70 pounds to the square foot, is sagging more than six inches. The Blue Room's crystal chandelier is hanging precariously. The grand staircase of marble is in imminent peril of crashing down, as the second-hand bricks built in as a support nearly 70 years ago are crumbling. Every time a major job on the 150-year-old mansion is necessary, questions are raised as to its utility. On the second floor, for example, where the presidential family must live, the enormous rooms are separated by a great hall 155 feet in length. Both ends are blocked off by screens to provide parlors, and the Roosevelt turned part of the hall into a movie theatre. The family dining room is downstairs, and it is considerable of a trip from bedroom to dining room. The White House is reminiscent of the monumental public buildings that went up all over the land after the Civil War. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The story of a lamb reared on a charming Cumberland fell farm throws an odd light on bovine mentality. The ewe died, and the lamb was brought up by hand. It became so tame, so friendly, that it was a nuisance. It would not leave the good woman who had nurtured it, quite refused to go near other sheep, and lamented if left alone. The difficulty of dealing with it was solved by an accident. A scarecrow was erected so persuasive an appearance that it became a jest in the neighborhood. One of its chief admirers was the pet lamb. It took to the figure at once, and now, whenever left alone, it lies down contentedly by the side of the scarecrow. Sheep are

generally said to trust greatly to their sense of smell. A bereft ewe will not take to another lamb unless it is first wrapped in the skin of her own lost babe. She will even chase away her own lamb if it is deprived of its proper scent, say, by falling into a bog. This bot-the-fed ewe, on the other hand, evidently judges mankind solely by the look of the clothing! — London Spectator.

They are using music in one branch of a bank in Toronto to keep the customers happy, the staff contented and business on the upswing. Concealed loud-speakers flood the exchange with sweet melody periodically and the total effect so far has been to ameliorate all those peculiar little difficulties or inconveniences which intrude now and then to make the handling of money a less pleasurable undertaking than it might be. The only experience we have had of music in commercial affairs has been the introduction of a radio into the cow barn of a farmer in London township. This arrangement, he says, keeps the king gowd natur-ing and induces them to give more milk. Could it be that the bank has a similar philosophy in mind? That a bar or two of Strauss or a song from Mr. Berlin might in some cases return the music and music has been the tinkle of a coin in the teller's cage. Now we are to have opera and swing. One fine day we shall be waltzing with the manager. That will be the day! — London Free Press.

He comes from the shades Of his wood very early, And he chafes his old catches Like a ghost under hatches.

The larks have deviced For sunny delight, And the sheep in their fleeces Are woolly and white; But these are the scorn Of the bird in the corn.

And morning goes by, And still he is there, Till a rose in the sky Calls him back to his lair In the boughs where the gloom Is a part of his plume.

But the boy in the lane With his gun, by-and-by, To the heart of the grain Will narrowly spy, And the twilight will come, And no crow will fly home.

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