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

Farm Land Values

The continuing prosperity of agriculture has been reflected in a slow rise in the farm land values. But there has been no wild inflation of land values such as followed the last war.

The Bureau of Statistics figures require an explanation or two. They are provincial averages. They include all farm lands. Hence they do not accurately reflect current values of cultivated lands.

Table with 5 columns: Province, 1920, 1935, 1939, 1946. Rows include P. E. I., N. S., N. B., Que., Ont., Man., Sask., Alta., B. C., and Canada.

The come-back of farm values through the war years has been slow and steady. This came later in Saskatchewan than in the other provinces.

The Bureau of Statistics points out that the upward trend reflects, in part, the relative change that has taken place in the price indexes during the war.

Even England Lags Educationally

Legislation in Britain raising the school leaving age to 15 and providing greater equality of opportunity in education there was patterned after the Canadian system.

"England is 20 years behind in education," he declared. "She had very good schools for the few, and very ordinary ones for the masses."

Education is shipping up in Britain under two main heads—long term and short term policies. The long term one provides for the children, the other for adults.

Britain needs skilled manpower and education will help provide for this eventually despite the fact that 400,000 children will be kept out of industry this year.

Example For Ottawa

The difference between United States and Canadian tax levels, which even Federal Cabinet Ministers acknowledge to be a potent cause of the southward migration of enterprising Canadians, is increased by the tax bill which has just passed the House of Representatives.

In the aggregate, it relieves American citizens of a load of about four billion dollars. And those who benefit most are the taxpayers in the lower or middle income groups.

American income taxes are already well below the Canadian level for all groups. This bill, if it becomes law, will make the disparity greater than ever.

On the other hand, it is luckier to live in Canada than in the United States if one is of the chosen few who win large sums of money in the Irish sweepstakes.

In Canada such winnings are classed as an increase in capital, like profits on the stock exchange, and are not taxed as current income.

although taxes must be paid, of course, on the income from such a windfall. In the United States a person earning \$2,000 a year who wins \$100,000 in the "Dublin lottery" is taxed on an income in that year of \$102,000, which puts him into a very exclusive bracket.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The next public holiday will be Saturday, May 24, Victoria Day.

A new Morris car is now being built for home and overseas which will be the first "People's Car" for Britain. It is a four-seater saloon capable of 60 miles per hour and will do 60 miles to a gallon.

The battle of Atbara in the Sudanese war fought this date 1898, when Lord Kitchener at the head of a recently reorganized Anglo-Egyptian army defeated the Mohdists.

One of the bureaucratic scandals of the post-war period, is the demand by the Income Tax Department of arrears of tax on the part of volunteers who served overseas and returned. It looks shamelessly like taxing the veterans for daring to survive the bloody conflict.

This is how Alberta put it over Premier Jones. A bill which would cancel all outstanding indebtedness resulting from seed grain and supply advances to residents in Saskatchewan rural municipalities in 1935, 1936 and 1937, received second reading in the legislature on a recorded vote of 31 to 3.

We should follow Quebec's lead in this respect. One of the oldest houses in Quebec, the Vallee home, situated at 22 Ste. Anne Street, is presently undergoing extensive transformations, before becoming an historical museum.

Perhaps the strangest case to come before the police recently is that reported from Montreal where a young man reported that he intended to commit murder. He was a boy of nineteen who called the homicide squad for advice.

Children who skip school regularly don't get family allowances, Health Minister Martin told in the Commons the other day. In a return the minister said that arrangements have been made in each province for provincial school authorities to notify regional family allowance officers when the school attendance of a child became unsatisfactory.

Notes By the Way

Thirty British students will attend German universities in the British zone, it has been announced. It is hoped to arrange for German students to go to British universities in return.

The United States Undersecretary of State, Dean Acheson, has emphatically declared that American plans for aid in Greece and Turkey against Communism "do not include our sending troops."

The old saying about a fool and his money still holds good, but millions of intelligent people are also learning that they and their money are soon parted nowadays.

Well, one William Aberhart, former Brantford school principal, started all this, as told in the Calgary Herald: In Alberta's 60-member Legislature, there are no less than 14 teachers, of whom 12 belong to the Social Credit party.

Canada is today in the position of a man who has inherited a vast tract of land rich in natural resources, who has little or no money with which to develop it.

A direct descendant of Christopher Columbus plans to sail his yacht to America. We must warn him, though that this time it is learned economists who hold the world is flat.

Before the war Greece imported goods worth \$127,000,000 a year. Exports averaged \$87,000,000, leaving a large unfavorable balance. This was covered by the earnings of the Greek merchant marine, income from foreign investments and receipts from tourists.

The oldest Anglican church in the Western Hemisphere, St. Peter's, the parish church of St. George's, Bermuda, has a new rector, says a writer in The New York Times Magazine. A friend of ours witnessed his induction and tells us about it.

From an agreeable interchange on the subject of London statutes in the House of Commons it emerges that James II, who is in store in some locality undisclosed, will be re-erected in some locality yet to be determined.

Undoubtedly the airlines didn't know it or they would have changed things a bit, especially now that their revenues are showing considerable inclination to lag behind expenses. But air passengers prefer to sit facing the rear instead of the front of the plane.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

BE APPEAL COURT

Sir—Your editorial note yesterday stating that the Jones Government has the support of the Law Society in its endeavour to secure an Appeal Court by sacrificing one of the County Court Judgeships, necessitates some further statement.

The need of a Court of Appeal has been recognized by the legal profession for many years. Just before the death of Judge Peters, (June 1891), a special meeting of the Law Society was called by reason of the lack of a proper Appeal Court.

The subject has been agitated continuously for many years. Innumerable references can be found in the Minutes of the Law Society. Several possibilities have been considered, and rejected as unsatisfactory. In May, 1922, an Act of the Legislature was passed, declaring that the Bench of the Supreme Court shall be composed of four judges.

For nearly two decades the possibility of a Maritime Court of Appeal has been a subject of discussion. The late Premier J. D. Stewart was in favour of it and discussed it with prominent members of the bar in Halifax and elsewhere.

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CITIZENS PLUG CITY

MOOSE JAW, Sask. —(CP)—Moose Jaw citizens must be advertising the city more widely. All modern picture post cards disappeared from news dealers stands recently and had to be replaced by old ones depicting Moose Jaw as it was 20 years ago.

FAST TRAVELLING

Light from the sun reaches the earth in a little more than eight minutes.

A saving of the order of \$100,000 annually could be achieved in this way, and in our opinion there would be a gain rather than a loss, in efficiency.

This recommendation by men of the calibre of Chief Justice Rowell and his associates on the Commission should not be overlooked. We have now as the President of the Canadian Bar Association, another Chief Justice of Ontario, Hon. J.C. McRuer, who visited Charlottetown recently and to whom the matter has been mentioned.

At the moment, Newfoundland is seeking terms of Union. It is not improbable that a new province may be added. Another solution of P.E.I.'s difficulty might take the form of a Court of Appeal which might well include Newfoundland.

The terms now obviously being offered, the elimination of a County Court Judge and the appointment of a fourth judge of the County Court, is far from being a satisfactory solution of the problem.

But, hark a distant rumble greets my ear, It is the thunder—wind or voice of men? I quickly bend my head to catch the sound.

BACHELORS vs. SPINSTERS

Sir—All calm and tranquil lay our little town. A peaceful silence hovered over all: A week elapsed—no sound was heard. The bottle of the sexes seemed to pall.

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Old Charlottetown

(And P.E.I.)

NEW LONDON SETTLERS

We are not aware that any vessel bearing immigrants ever entered New London Harbor in the early days of our Island's settlement.

The earliest and only information we have regarding people living in the vicinity of New London Bay previous to the year 1800 comes through a Census of the Island that was taken in the year 1798 under the direction of Governor Fanning.

This census shows the entire population of Prince Edward Island, of that time, to have been 4,372. Of that number there were thirty-six families, containing 197 persons, living on our north shore, between Adam's Pond on the west and Cavendish on the east.

The heads of families on Lot 20 were William Marks, John Barefoot, John Crowley, James Dunn, Daniel Delancy, John Cousins, Robert Heathfield, Benjamin Warren, James Brander, John Poor, George Warren and Mrs. Riley.

There were, according to this census twenty-nine families living on the west side of New London Bay in 1798 and all on small clearings that they had but recently carved out of the primitive forest.

TEACH THEM YOUNG

MONTREAL —(CP)—Children should be taught driving while still at school said Amos E. Noyhart, of the Pennsylvania State College, who recently lectured at McGill University at a special motor vehicle fleet supervisors' training course.

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CANADIAN APPLES

I bought a bag of apples in the town, Grown in Canadian orchards far away, And took them home and laid my purchase down, And then forgot them till the close of day.

Entering the room at midnight for a book, I stood surprised and taken unaware; The iron grasp of Winter eased and shook, A ghost of Summer hung upon the air.

"Stealing and giving odor" from the fruit, The fresh fragrance touched the bitter night, Hinting of quickened earth and eager shoot, And leaf and blossom reaching for the light;

Here, from the distant West, was sudden proof That Winter's writ shall not for ever run, And here beneath a snow-bound English roof, The garnered wealth and beauty of the sun.

Here was the stuff of harvests and of dreams, Of Summers past and Summers still to be, "And orchards saturate with shifting streams" Finding at last some far and kinder sea;

The crest of Spring before the blossom fell, The yield of Autumn and its richer bloom, All, for an instant, caught in that one spell, The scent of apples in a silent room.

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