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

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Higher Export Prices

Good news for our farmers is contained in the announcement from Ottawa yesterday with regard to the increase in price of export pork products going into effect after January 5.

This increased price, it is believed, will more than make up for the recent increase in feed costs, and should thus put the industry back on a reasonably profitable basis.

Along with the boost in the export bacon price, increases are announced in export prices of beef, eggs, and cheese, which also will be welcomed by our producers.

Britain Rejects U. S. Spuds

Fifty thousand pounds of Maine potatoes, intended for Scotland as part of a shipment of food and clothing donations were left standing in a freight yard at Boston because of what Chamber of Commerce officials said was refusal of British authorities to accept them.

The Boston Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the project, said it had been notified by the British Ministry of Agriculture the shipment of potatoes would not be accepted for "fear of risking potato disease in the United Kingdom."

The potatoes were to have been part of the shipment scheduled to leave Boston for Glasgow on January 7 or 8.

The Caribou, Maine, Chamber of Commerce, through which the potatoes were donated, said Maine potatoes are U. S. government-inspected and have been shipped to England before without trouble.

Lord Inverchapel, British ambassador in Washington, in replying to a request for intervention by President Michael T. Kelleher of the Boston chamber, was quoted as saying:

"I greatly regret that in the circumstances shall not be able to help you over this item." It was because of their freedom from disease that last year's 3,000,000 bushel shipment of Prince Edward Island potatoes was so readily accepted by the British authorities.

Political Outlook

The staff correspondent of the Montreal Star points out that the King Government, with its meagre party margin in the House of Commons, has been generally able to count upon substantial majorities, for the simple reason that the Opposition is divided into three irreconcilable groups.

The Progressive Conservatives, who constitute the official Opposition and out-number all other non-Government groups combined, will offer the people of Canada the only possible alternative Government to the King Ministry when the next election is held.

Looking over the Dominion-Provincial field, the Star's writer expresses the view that the Progressive Conservatives have considerable fence-mending ahead of them in Quebec, the Maritimes, and the Prairies; whereas the main concern of the Liberal party just now is—or should be—the increasing unrest among the farmers in all the Provinces.

This review of the general situation justifies the conclusion that the next Dominion election, when it takes place, will be stubbornly fought between the major parties, with considerable doubt as to the outcome on polling day.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, second Sunday after Christmas.

The holiday over, many visitors to the Island are taking their departure. All good things must come to an end.

The moving of the snow from the sides of the streets and pavements will be a much appreciated act of public service.

Now it is Sir William, successor to that other distinguished Islander, Sir Charles. Both are credited with herculean efforts to make their native Province the better for their being born in it.

American opinion seems to be that the result of Mr. Wallace's action in running as a third party candidate will be that the Republicans will nominate a dependable party man instead of seeking out a really outstanding candidate.

Royalty is developing a tradition of giving up one's throne in order to marry. King Michael decided that a crown was not worth keeping when his Communist government ruled that Romania "cannot afford the expense of a Royal wedding."

It is a well worn maxim that nothing is so certain to lose its value as money. From earliest times prices have followed an upward trend with a corresponding reduction in the value of money.

Pravda is suggesting that Britain follow Russia's example and revalue her currency seems rather like the fox who having lost its brush proceeded to induce the other foxes to part with theirs also.

British Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury, Rt. Hon. C. R. Attlee was born this date 1883; and Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, born this date 1888. They have been the most successful Socialist Leaders so far attaining office, not having lost a single by-election since being elected to power in July 1945.

Eleven hospitals in London are being organized to form the nucleus for a scheme which will make Britain's capital training school for the world's medical specialists. It is being organized by the University of London's Post Graduate Federation and Sir Francis Fraser—Britain's wartime medical supervisor for the Ministry of Health is in charge.

"Common scalds" is descriptive of persons liable to be punished in Criminal Courts in Pittsburgh. Three sisters sentenced to three months for such an offence were released in time for Christmas on the appeal of the citizen, one Mr. Francis Pastor, who initiated their prosecution.

It seems extraordinary that people should search for the remains of a man who died 2400 years before the first Noel. A cable from Cairo relates that hope of finding the tomb of Pharaoh Snefru increased Saturday with the discovery of the mummy of a hawk, symbol of pharaohs, in a tiny coffin beneath paving stones in the heart of the blunted pyramid of Dahshur at Sak-kara, Egypt.

National Park development in Britain is being pursued in spite of national and international problems. The area in Southern Britain covered by the beautiful woods known as the New Forest is recommended as a permanent nature reserve in a report published recently by H. M.'s Stationery Office.

It is with more than ordinary sincerity that newspaper men congratulate The Ottawa Journal on being able to celebrate with its editor the New Year, his 90th birthday and his 61st anniversary as editor-in-chief of that great publication, the equivalent in Canada of The Manchester Guardian—a name to conjure with politically and economically.

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Notes By The Way

Don't waste time trying to persuade the other fellow he is wrong. Prove to him that you are right. — Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

We are a nation of animal lovers, and few hate dogs except matmen, delivery boys and others who must take the bites to hold their jobs. — Victoria Times.

Imported Santa Claus whiskers are on the banned list, thus giving rise to the horrible thought that the Government is giving Canadian amateur Santas one year to grow their own.

Balanced living begins not with nations and world movements, but in the individual. Never in all his history was it more important that individual men and women should not lose their heads merely because they have failed hitherto to use them. — Vancouver Sun.

Big changes are taking place on Britain's railways. When the Transport Commission takes over the lines network on January 1, the British will be welded into one complete unit organized in six regions. They will then become state railways and be known as "British Railways."

Middlesex County is now free of debt. The 1945 report of the Department of Municipal Affairs listed it out of 38 counties in this favorable position: Brant, Bruce, Elgin, Essex, Haliburton, Hastings, Huron, Kent, Lambton, Lennox, Addington, Lincoln, Oxford, Perth, Simcoe, Waterloo, Welland, and Wellington. The addition of Middlesex brings the number to 18, and it may be that others have become debt free since the report was compiled, observes The Toronto Star.

It has cheered us to learn that even in England, sorely beset as she may be, there are still some things that are permanent and unalterable. One of these is the fact that British travel agency recently asked several hundred American visitors what comments they had in making on their first postwar visit to the old country. It reports that the Americans complained about only two things: the English climate and that which the brew which the English call coffee, says The Calgary Albertan.

For centuries the Nile River has flooded its valley and then receded, leaving rich deposits which made the land highly productive. This fertility largely accounted for the early civilization there and for continued food production support for millions of people. It used to be said that valley farms were so rich that fertilizer would not increase production, recounts The Minneapolis Star. Yet American soil experts who have been in the field this year find that the annual flood no longer is a fertile visitation. The lands along the river reaches of the Nile have been so badly eroded that the soil is being washed down stream. Commercial fertilizers now increase yields in the valley by 40 percent. Dwellers along the Nile were a long time learning the lesson, but they know now that it can't be protected if it can't support people forever.

The sugar bowl of the western hemisphere is about to spill over. The bowl is Cuba. Only a small tropical island is the earth's greatest producer of glistening white sugar. Next month it starts grinding another super-crop. And sugar men wonder where and how the Cubans will sell it all. Cubans wonder, too. It looks like their crop may equal last year's whopping record of 6.4 million tons. That's a mountainous lot of sugar. It compares favorably with the double the production of giant Russia. The Soviet is the world's second largest producer, but India's low-grade "gur" (not white) was excluded. For a week now, Cuba's sugar prices have fallen like a barometer in the path of a hurricane. Earlier this year Cuba sold her sugar in the world market for 6.50 cents a pound. Within the past two weeks she sold 30,000 tons to Britain for 3.80 cents a pound. The price has been cut in two—and then some. — Wall Street Journal.

A sentence that caught my eye in Sir Harold Butler's new book Peace or Power cases, as single sentences often do, a flood of light on one aspect of international relationships. "The first Russian university," he writes, "was not founded till 1755." The first colleges at Oxford and Cambridge were founded in 1264 and 1284 respectively, and in each case the university existed before the colleges. And many European universities, notably Bologna and Paris, were of course older than our own. When it is realized for how many centuries the national tradition of this country was formed, and the personnel of its government provided, by the universities—and how largely for that matter, they are represented on the Labor Front today—today—the fact that higher learning in Russia is still less than two centuries old will be seen in its full significance. It is true that Russian universities produce scientists of the first order today, but government is based on the humanities, not on science, and the hard fact is that in Russia a tradition of government determined by the wide outlook of the humanities has never been established yet. Nor is there so far any sign of it. — London Spectator.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

FREEDOM AND DISTILLERIES

Sir, I see by an institutional advertisement in The Guardian of Dec. 29 that a Toronto distillery corporation does not want us to forget how deeply it is interested in the freedom enjoyed by the people of Prince Edward Island, compared with what it was one hundred years ago. How very commendable on the part of a great manufacturing company away up in Toronto to be so deeply concerned in the freedom of the citizens of this little insignificant Province! And no doubt, for the larger freedom of young men and women, this great and magnificent company would very much like to help provide every convenience and facilities for using their products—parlours, lounges, every comfort. What friends those Toronto tycoons of finance must be of our young people, always thinking of their freedom, their comfort and their welfare. In fact, they are prepared to spend great sums of money in the Province to make it possible that, especially, our rising generation shall have in the facilities they have up in Toronto, the model, they would say, for Canada.

But with all the thoughtfulness and foresight of this great company here is another side to their business that they do not see. Probably none of their sons or daughters are involved, personally. Of course, they never realize so much to us when other people's children are involved. A young friend of mine, with a wife and five children, is now serving in a neighboring Province, a jail sentence. His father, an elderly man, is in my church and one of the best of men. This young son, using a product of the distillers, drove his car over a woman and killed her, also seriously wounding several others. His mother and her large family, some of them college boys and girls, all excellent citizens, are now passing through a cruel experience. This young son is in the hands of the law, and the kind of place it should be, could be and yet shall be.

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power in the Province, and the Liberals were doing all they could to prevent their doing so. Those extra votes were got out by the old parties in their almost mortal struggle for supremacy, while the C.C.F., by comparison, did virtually nothing to get voters to the polls. With each of the old parties getting all the votes for itself it could possibly scrape up and the C.C.F. depends almost one hundred per cent on its supporters going to the polls themselves, it is a sign of strength far greater than the number of votes alone would indicate.

Many people who saw how things were settled for the old parties on December 11th decided never to vote for them again. The depression which the Liberals are deliberately steering us into will make itself felt more and more, and the people, remembering the early thirties, will realize the Conservatives would do no better and will turn in ever increasing numbers to the C.C.F. All in all, things look well for the C.C.F. in Prince Edward Island and, at one of those Premier Jones suggested should get into the old parties, I speak for all of them when I say we haven't the slightest notion of going into either of the old parties where our weight would be felt only on the necks of the common people, but, with renewed courage, we will continue the task we have begun. And may I, in turn, issue an invitation to all young men and young women, too, of all ages, who are really interested in the welfare of this Province, to join with those of us now in the C.C.F. in building up this people's party and in making Prince Edward Island the kind of place it should be, could be and yet shall be.

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The Poet's Corner

THANKSGIVING FOR ONE WORLD

We moved mountains, We bridged seas That a London child Might kiss the toes. We plowed nations And harvested For a Chinese woman's Loaf of bread. A thousand miles We built to use That a girl in Warsaw Might have strong shoes. A thousand ships And a thousand piers That a boy in Greece Might grow in years. Not for a leader Did we bleed and die. Did we roll our sleeves And do this thing, But for common people Like those we meet Along the turnpike Or down the street. And we have done, In earth's green lands May they bless our labor 1948—Ship Alexander, appears to have been the earliest vessel leaving the West Highlands with emigrants for Canada; sponsored by the Laird of Glenaladale, Captain John Macdonald, landed at Scotchfort (P. E. I.) in July with 210 settlers from South Ulster and the adjoining mainland.

THE C.C.F. VOTE

Sir, — A letter written by an individual who calls himself "Student", which appeared in the "Public Forum" on December 28th, calls for some comment.

Old Charlottetown

EARLY SCOTTISH SETTLERS

The following list of early sailings of Scottish emigrants to P. E. Island and the neighboring Maritime Provinces is from an article which appeared some years ago in the Weekly Scotsman, Edinburgh: 1772—Ship Alexander, appears to have been the earliest vessel leaving the West Highlands with emigrants for Canada; sponsored by the Laird of Glenaladale, Captain John Macdonald, landed at Scotchfort (P. E. I.) in July with 210 settlers from South Ulster and the adjoining mainland. 1773—Ship Hector, sailed from Loch Broom and arrived at Pictou, N. S. Sept. 15, with about 160 passengers from Ross-shire and Loch Broom. 1776—Name of ship unknown; wrecked on the north shore of Prince Edward Island with a small number of emigrants on board, including Mr. Peter Stewart (later Chief Justice) with his wife and ten children. 1790—Name of ship unknown; contained a large number of settlers from the Western Isles, accompanied by Rev. Angus Bernard McEachern, afterwards first Bishop of Charlottetown. Landed at Scotchfort, P. E. I. 1791—Two vessels, names unknown, arrived at Pictou this year with a large number of settlers from the Hebrides. Most of them removed further east along the shore of Nova Scotia—viz. to Antigonish County or Cape Breton. 1801—Ship Sarah brought out 700 emigrants to Pictou, N. S. 1801—Ship Pigeon brought a small number of settlers to Pictou. 1801—Ship Aurora brought settlers from Strathglen to Nova Scotia. 1801—Ship Dove of Aberdeen

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