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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"
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Mr. Pearson's Address

Reference was made recently in these columns to an address by Hon. L. B. Pearson, Minister for External Affairs, which attracted relatively little attention but which was important as defining a new attitude to Dominion-provincial relations.

This definition, with the emphasis on the word "continual," implies a continuous process of bringing the relationships of federal and provincial governments into a working basis.

Britain's Predicament

Official figures on Britain's exports in July, as just issued, provide a good rough measurement of the crisis through which the country has been passing during the last few months.

From the figures it is clear that the major factor in Britain's problem is not the overall unbalance in trade, heavy as that is. It could be rectified, perhaps, by general reductions in imports from the world at large without intolerable damage.

Larger Insurance Benefits

As a result of the increased life insurance protection in force, Canadians are being paid larger sums in benefits. The Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association today announced that, in the first six months of 1949, living policyholders and the beneficiaries of deceased policyholders in Canada received in death claims and other benefits more than \$105,000,000.

New Atlas For Canada

A joint effort of all government departments at Ottawa is being made to prepare a new atlas of Canada. The geographical bureau, Department of Mines and Natural Resources, is in charge of co-ordination.

The first Canadian atlas was published in 1906. It had to be revised in 1915, the chief change being the extension of Manitoba and Ontario to the western shore of Hudson Bay.

Although Canada's atlas is so out-of-date, the country need not feel badly. The United States and Belgium have no atlases at all, although the U. S. does have an agricultural atlas, and Belgium is working on a complete atlas, similar to Canada's.

1947, when after the war the country had to prepare one because of the new boundaries. Two of the best atlases in the world are considered to be those of France and the Soviet Union, with the latter, issued in 1939, perhaps having the edge for detail and thoroughness.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Island plums follow fast on the heels of Island apples on the market. There should be a popular demand for them.

The country is looking magnificent with its coils of golden grain, here, there and everywhere, though rain is badly needed for pasture and potatoes.

Noah's Ark occupies a good deal of space in the papers just now. Even its possible discovery is hardly more important than its being sought by American scientists with Russian approval.

The National Film Board wants a status similar to that of the C.B.C., without, it is to be hoped, the control over the industry generally of that body.

Our visitors, now quitting our shores after a delightful vacation, are loud in their appreciation of the Island beautiful, and its friendly hospitably disposed people, not to mention its horses and racing.

Mother's allowances are being paid as of the 1st of this month. As a means of relieving the bereaved mothers it is admirable but experience elsewhere shows that such measures do not increase the marriage or birth rates.

That was some feat of Miss Evelyn Henry swimming all the way from Brighton to Kappoch, a distance of over three miles in two hours. This is an outcome of the featuring of swimming instruction by the Red Cross, and no doubt there will be other long distance competitions next summer.

At last the Department of Transport is doing something about static-producing types of home appliances. Existing sources of interference remain unchecked but the Department is measuring the interference created by hundreds of kinds of newly-manufactured and some old appliances at London, Ontario.

During the first part of this year 16,238,267 lb. of bone-in beef and veal and 4,203,073 lb. of boneless were exported to the U. S. according to the Dominion Livestock and Meat Trade Report. Comprised principally of beef the export is estimated as equivalent to approximately 45,000 head of cattle.

We note by the Financial Post that the Canadian Hansard Society has collapsed. It is a pity that so worthy an enterprise should be so short lived. The encouragement of the reading of Hansard is now left to the efforts of teachers and other individuals.

An American contemporary notes that educationists and scientists foresee a city of the future that is star-shaped and has a population of 50,000. It would consist of a trading area at the centre with residential areas at the points and would minimize the effect of atomic bombs.

Our youngsters travel nowadays compared with "before time." We have girls describing in vivid language their visit to the Toronto exhibition, and a young air cadet graphically relating his flight experiences to England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. There never was a better time to be young in the Island than the present, both for those who stay at home, and those having the opportunity to go abroad and see how "the other half" live.

Charlottetown has lost a fine type of citizen in the late retired Fire Chief Thomas Rananah, who passed away yesterday at the advanced age of eighty-eight. He had a long and meritorious record of service in the Fire Department, as well as in the promotion of sports of all kinds, including a term as president of the Abegweit Amateur Athletic Association in the early days when numerous Maritime track and field championships were held by Island athletes.

Lieut. Col. Sir John Harvey, deputy adjutant general to the British forces in Canada, visited here this date 1836. Next year he was gazetted Lieut. Governor of New Brunswick, which position he held till 1841 when he was promoted Lieut. Governor of Newfoundland. Five years later he became Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia. In this capacity it fell to him to introduce, in its full form, the principle of responsible government in the Maritime Provinces. He died in Halifax on March 22, 1852. He had served in the army longer than any other officer in British North America, with one exception. He entered as an ensign in 1794, and had risen to the rank of Lieut. General at the time of his death.

The International Festival of Music and Drama in Edinburgh, now running its third season, will draw some 240,000 people to Scotland's historic capital city. This constitutes a record attendance, being 10 per cent greater than last year and 38 per cent bigger than during the first season. There will be two musical world premieres as well as two world drama premieres during the Festival. Musical works are a piano concerto by Ernest Bloch and a cello concerto by Martinu. Plays being given their first presentation are a modern comedy by the distinguished British poet T. S. Eliot, and a drama by Peter Ustinov. The Bicentenary of Goethe's birth has inspired what will be one of the Festival's highlights. The Dusseldorf Theatre Company are presenting Faust in German.

The Poet's Corner

A SUMMER STORM
Last night a storm fell on the world
From heights of drought and heat.
The sunny clouds for weeks were
faded,
The air could only sway and beat.

The beetles clattered at the blind.
The hawks fell twanging from the
sky.
The west unrolled a feathery wind.
And the night fell sullenly.

The storm leaped roaring from its
lair.
Like the shadows of doom,
The poignant lightning searched
the air.
The thunder ripped the shattered
gloom.

The rain came down with a roar
like fire.
Full-voiced and clamorous and deep.
The world had had its heart's desire.
And fell asleep.

—Duncan Campbell Scott.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

FIRST PAPER MONEY

The first instance of any intention or desire to make an issue of Paper Money on the Island is to be found in a speech of Lieutenant Governor Fanning, addressed to the General Assembly in November, 1790.

"Amidst the general harmony of the country, and these sources of encouragement, etc., the inconvenience of a want of cash, or some circulating medium, to facilitate the intercourse of dealings among themselves, seems to be a difficulty very generally felt and lamented. I therefore think it a duty to recommend to your deliberation, in order to remedy the deficiency complained of, the expediency of framing a Law for the issue of a certain limited amount of Bills or Debentures which may be voluntarily accepted by creditors of the public, and made a legal tender to the Treasurer of this Government, for the discharge of any Inland Duties, Taxes, or other debts whatsoever, due to, or payable at the Public Treasury."

In conformity with the above resolution, a law was enacted, authorizing the emission of a certain amount of these Bills, but at the next meeting of the Legislature in 1792, two years having elapsed, we find the following passage in Governor Fanning's Speech: "The late Act of the General Assembly, having afforded that relief, or proved that efficient substitute for the want of a circulating currency as was wished for, and as the necessity and utility of the statute of the Island required, and the term of their circulation approaching to an end, when the necessity of a new issue of Warrants on the Treasury must be paid in cash, it becomes the duty of the present Sessions to turn their attention towards the state of the Public Revenue, and to devise and adopt the proper ways and means for satisfying the demands of the public creditors, and supporting the public faith and credit of the government."

It is evident from this extract, that two years of experience had sufficed to show the Lieutenant Governor the delusive nature of unexchangeable paper money, and the remainder of his speech is occupied in detailing the views which he entertained for the introduction of a circulation of Specie, the advantages of which would be, that it would enable the Tenant to pay his rents, and the Farmer, the Merchant, and the Labourer would thereby be enabled to redouble diligence in the certainty of receiving in Cash, the reward of their labours and the spirit of enterprise to their infinite encouragement, and to the universal benefit.

—Report of a Commission appointed by the Lieutenant Governor Huntley to examine into all matters connected with the state of the currency of Prince Edward Island, 1847.

The Age-Old Story

Even when I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer, then burnt-offerings, and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon Mine altar; for Mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.

CANTON REACHES OLD AGE

CHAMBLEY, Que. — CP — This canton will take three days off in early September to mark the 264th anniversary of its founding and the 100th anniversary of its incorporation. Ceremonies will also commemorate the Montreal-Chamblay road—the oldest in Canada and the one used by invading American troops in 1775.

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United Kingdom Exports To Canada

(United Kingdom Information Office)
The Accounts of Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom published on July 22nd show that the total gap between United Kingdom imports from, and exports to Canada for the first six months of this year was £57,500,000 (\$230,000,000) against over £83,000,000 (\$332,000,000) in the same period of last year.

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.

HARRINGTON INSTITUTE PUT IT OVER!

Sir.—On the evening of the 24th all roads led to Harrington Hall. A chicken dinner was the attraction, and this was served up in a way that would tempt the palate of the most fastidious. Even a connoisseur of good food would be left expressionless.

The needs of the many patrons who found such inward satisfaction, were catered to by the ladies of the Harrington Women's Institute—"God bless 'em"—and under the capable management and watchful eyes of this bevy of busy ladies the wants of everyone were keenly cared of in a friendly and charming manner.

Harrington may well be proud of those who furnished the tempting delicacies which ensured such an appetizing and satisfying success. "Good Luck, Harrington Women's Institute! We all want to come back again—and skip at least one meal, in preparation, when that opportunity presents itself. I am, Sir, etc. JOHN R. LAMONT CAMPBELL

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Notes By The Way

England has been woefully lacking in bees for pollination purposes, so a ton of them was flown over by plane from Amsterdam. When asked how many bees made up a ton, the horticulturists said 3,000,000. It was also explained that honey in pound jars represents the concentrated essence of about 60,000 flowers, involving between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 visits by bees. A good hive yields about sixty pounds of honey a year. No wonder the life span of the average worker bee is not much longer than six weeks. — Letter in New York Sun.

There is little enough sign that the (British) working population has grasped the undoubted seriousness of the (financial) situation and the equal certainty that, with hard work, a way can be found out of it. Most of the remedies refer to the United Kingdom to Canada, as did many types of machinery such as metalworking machine tools, cranes, sewing machines and textile machinery: this July's figures of 1,200 tons of machinery worth \$453,000 (\$1,832,000) were an increase over last July's figures.

Seven months' exports to Canada of woven cotton piece goods totalled 20,070,000 square yards — in a strip six feet wide it would stretch nearly 5,700 miles — valued at \$2,250,000 (\$9,000,000).

The total of silk and artificial silk yarns and manufactures, at over \$2,000,000 (\$8,000,000), shows a considerable jump in the first seven months of this year over last year.

Car exports in July, at 4,316 (valued at over \$1,000,000 (\$4,000,000)) were up on the June figure of 3,358, and nearly double last July's figure. 231 agricultural vehicles went to Canada this July compared with 72 last July. Nearly \$50,000 (\$300,000) worth of motorcycles, and \$18,000 (\$72,000) worth of pedal cycles (both figures up on June values) helped to bring the United Kingdom's exports of vehicles to Canada up to \$1,735,279 (\$6,901,116) in July compared with \$1,250,000 (\$5,000,000) in June and just over \$1,000,000 (\$4,000,000) last July.

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