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

Certified Seed

As the Legislature is composed largely of representatives of agricultural communities, it seems almost unnecessary for Mr. J. W. Boulter to appeal to the business community to bring pressure to bear upon the Government to introduce legislation to prohibit the planting of uncertified seed potatoes.

The Politician

There are good and bad politicians just as there are good and bad Christians. It may be a contradiction in terms, nevertheless human nature being as it is, we get both kinds in the mass, and have to use our discretion in choosing the kind we prefer.

This thought has occurred to us on reading an interesting article on the subject by Mr. Bruce Hutchison in a recent issue of the Winnipeg Free Press in which he concludes as follows:

"To say that a man is pre-eminently qualified to defend democracy because he refuses to touch the business of democracy, its politics, is to say that we should get rid of democracy and install rulers who will ignore the people altogether. This is precisely what many Americans are saying simply because they have not thought the matter through, because they have listened too long to cheap jibes at politics and politicians."

Placing The Blame

Speaking at a meeting of bacon producers in Toronto recently, Mr. L. W. Pearsall, manager of the Meat Board, gave some reasons why bacon must be stored in Britain, and indicated that some of the blame rests on conditions at home.

Mr. Pearsall said he had been assured by those who handled the meat in Britain that the desire there was to distribute fresh bacon and that the Canadian product would be treated the same as supplies from other countries.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Won't our farmers be of opinion they have attained a new heaven and a new earth when the disease free potatoes, Mr. Bailey forecasts, becomes an accomplished fact? But what of the officials whose jobs depend upon the investigation and eradication of the diseases?

The Federal Government kept telephone and telegraph wires sizzling during 1946 notwithstanding the war was over. A staggering telephone bill totalling \$1,808,531 was run up by government departments during the year, while telegraph and cable charges amounted to \$957,945 for all Federal departments.

We are getting less money from our relatives in U. S. A. than theretofore. Individuals in the United States sent \$11,700,000 to individuals in Canada in 1946, allegedly for non-business purposes, the international economics division of the Commerce Department announced.

Many a true word is spoken in jest. Alongside Jean Francois Pouliot, advocates of income tax reduction are pikers; he came up recently with an idea for eliminating that annoyance altogether. The ebullient Temiscouata Independent Liberal's idea, as he explained it to the Commons, was simple. Just put a one-per-cent tax on Canada's \$85,000,000 annual bank clearings.

Just to show her spirit of Christian neighbourliness, at this season, Britain has promised Eire "such export of coal as the circumstances in Great Britain would permit." Commerce Minister Sean Lemass told the Dail.

Notes By The Way

An M. P. says that "the office boy is as extinct as the dodo." We disagree; they call them "junior executives" now and pay them more but their capacity is just the same. — Peterborough Examiner.

A dispatch from Nanking says China has been working for several months on preliminary drafts of a peace treaty with Japan. It might be much more to the point if China were to work on a peace treaty with China. — Brantford Expositor.

Many of the farm boys who remained on the farm during the years of the war, when they felt an urge to join their brothers and chums on the front line, are likewise worthy of assistance in securing an education or by starting on a farm of their own. No one can accuse the farm youth of getting rich out of the war. — Farmer's Advocate.

The pike are spawning in the creeks and soon the report will come that the perch are running. And how they do run after a long winter of fasting. The rod and reel enthusiast for the game fish, trout and bass, will have to wait awhile, however, but now that spring is here there is the fun of getting all the paraphernalia in trim, the flies sorted out and replacements made.

But the earth has an atmosphere, which means rain and wind and ice. Between them they have worn many craters down. The moon, on the other hand, has no atmosphere. No rain, no clouds, not even a breath of wind, and the whole place is inches deep in dust in consequence.

The Canadian customs has at last consented to admit that an airplane is not a ship. It is quite a concession. Airplanes have been crossing the border from the United States into Canada from time to time during thirty years or more. The regular airlines were able to make their own arrangements but private flyers were subjected to the most exasperating annoyances, delays and expenses.

Mother On The School Board U. K. Chief Planning Officer

Traditionally, woman's chief role has been to mother the race. Her task of rearing the large families of pioneer days, was all-absorbing. The mother of days gone by, toiled from early morn till late at night, doing the things that were necessary to be done for her family.

Public schools, ready-made clothing, ready-prepared food, factory-canned goods, bakery and dairy products, along with all the numerous labor-saving devices and modern conveniences, have all conspired to release much of the time of the modern woman and to lighten her toll and drudgery.

Instead of the toll-worn, stooped, plain pale woman of pioneer days, with wrinkled brow, straight hair, even the grandmother of today appears as an attractive woman, fresh and fit for many a task. The modern woman of fifty years wears a short skirt, steps briskly, has pink cheeks, curled hair, and dresses in bright variegated colors instead of wearing the blacks and greys of her forebears of like years.

But far more marked even than the difference in outward appearance of the modern mother and the pioneer mother, is the vast difference in the amount of education and interest in public affairs, of the two. In the early days of our nation, educational opportunities were limited.

With the increasing complexity of our modern civilization, we surely need the advice and counsel of Mother on the school board. Of all places in governmental affairs, a Mother who is intelligent, well educated, keenly alert and sensitive to the needs and problems of children and youth, can give valuable service as a member of the school board.

More than thirteen million people borrowed books or received information from the New York public library during 1946. There was an increase over 1945 of twenty per cent in the use of the reference department and of seven per cent in the circulation department.

A visitor from Toronto sat in the Port Arthur Arena the other night watching one of the playdown games. He was interested in the play on the ice, but there was a counter-attraction for him. He could not keep his eyes away from one end of the building, labelled "Children's Section".

Many a farm-born individual remembers, with nostalgic longing, the sliced apples, drying under a mosquito netting and the delectable dried apple pie that mother used to make. All at once dried apples end the fine pies they produced seemed to disappear off the face of the earth.

The question of a memorial to President Roosevelt in Westminster Abbey is, I gather, still unsettled. Though I have a far greater admiration for that great man than many of his fellowcountrymen profess, I am bound to say that I regard the proposed memorial with misgivings.

Both Sir Edwin Plowden, who has accepted the post of Chief Planning Officer to the United Kingdom Government, and Sir Robert Sinclair who will act as Sir Edwin Plowden's industrial consultant in the initial stages, bring important qualifications to the work involved.

Decisions on planning policy will be made by the Cabinet and responsibility for them will rest with the Prime Minister. Mr. Attlee stressed that the question of planning is to enable decisions to be reached for the best allocation of available manpower, materials, services and manufacturing capacity, and that planning in itself is no substitute for increased effort and efficiency.

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A Potato Festival

(Saint John Telegraph Journal) Nova Scotia has its annual Annapolis Valley Festival. Throughout Canada and the United States, they hold Orange Festivals, Tulip Festivals, Wine Festivals, festivals of every kind, to publicize their regional products.

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The Poets Corner SPRING Spring is more than the snowdrop. Hanging its bells of pearl, forever mute. It is more than the crocus-chalice. More than the clear pipe of the robin's flute. Spring is more than the rainbow. Leaping seven-colored after the rain. It is more than the gleaming willow. Though these delights return with Spring again. Spring is the life's renewing. The drum of the pulse, the blood beginning to sing. The brightening eye, the unwary heart's undoing— This O this is Spring! —Audrey Alexandra Brown.

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