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

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Serious Dairy Situation

The Federal Government's policy of "passing the buck" on the margarine question has resulted in throwing the whole dairy industry of Canada into confusion.

Specifically, the Council has requested the Government to clarify its stand on these points: Will the Government continue supporting the price of first grade creamery butter at 59 cents a pound in the Maritimes, 58 cents in Central Canada and 57 1-2 cents in the West?

If the alternative plan is not adopted, will the Government explore export markets for "the large surplus of butter in excess of domestic requirements which is anticipated under present policy?"

The Council notes that the Government is maintaining a rigid control on the export of butter and asks if restrictions are to be removed.

It notes also that cheese, of which there was a scarcity last year, is now edging toward a surplus. A new export market must be found over and above the 50,000,000 pounds which Canada has agreed to supply the United Kingdom during the current year.

This situation is largely one of the Government's own making. It has chosen to ignore the interests of our dairy farmers and in yielding to the demands of pressure groups has placed the industry in a precarious position.

The Teacher Problem

Prince Edward Island is not the only Province where the question of education has become muddled by partisan controversy, and where more heat than light is occasionally engendered in discussing it.

Briefly, the report stresses the need of revitalizing education all across Canada. It is unreasonable, it says, to assume that more than a minority of Canadian children are receiving or can receive suitable education under existing conditions.

A significant statement is that in proportion to population, New Canadians of several national groups in Western Canada provide more teacher-trainees than do the Anglo-Saxon and the French groups.

The teacher shortage as reported by Departments of Education in January, 1948, was 7,276. If to this number are added those certificated after completing short training programs and those accepted for training upon graduating from Grade X, the real shortage was 10,860.

add's teachers is too short. Many who are trained do not give much service. Approximately 33 per cent have less than five years' experience; 51 per cent have less than 10 years; 65 per cent less than 15 years; 35 per cent more than 15 years; 23 per cent more than 20 years.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, second Sunday after Easter.

Not everything that is important to say is also new. President Truman's description of Canadian-American relations as a "unique achievement in the annals of nations", is certainly not new but can never be sufficiently reiterated.

It was reported to the Saint John Board of Trade that a British industrialist is enquiring regarding the possibility of establishing an industry which would require 6,000 fresh eggs daily for the manufacture of bakers' filling, a new product recently established in the United States.

General return to normal buying conditions this year is predicted by economists, says Hardware and Metal. They claim it should inspire a great deal more confidence than continuation of the boom produced by abnormal effects of major war.

Henry Ford II has stated that the American (and presumably the Canadian) public is not ready to give acceptance to smaller cars. It is perhaps presumptuous to tell a man his own business but it seems likely that a car in the less than \$1000 class that would remain in style for at least five years would fill a want not now supplied.

Four years ago next week, on May 1, 1945, Allied forces were sweeping across south Germany and had penetrated as far as 11 miles into Austria near Passau. On May 2, the war in Italy, Austrian Tyrol and Salsburg ended at noon with the surrender of 1,000,000 German troops.

Rubber highways instead of tires may be the rule in future. The example of Holland in adopting a road in which natural rubber is incorporated with asphalt has been followed by the state of Texas, Virginia and Ohio.

At Tisdale, Sask., a group of lads elbowed up to a restaurant counter at which Finance Minister Abbott was having lunch, and he graciously stood them a bottle of pop. A companion of Mr. Abbott told the boys they could thank the man seated before them for the nickel pop.

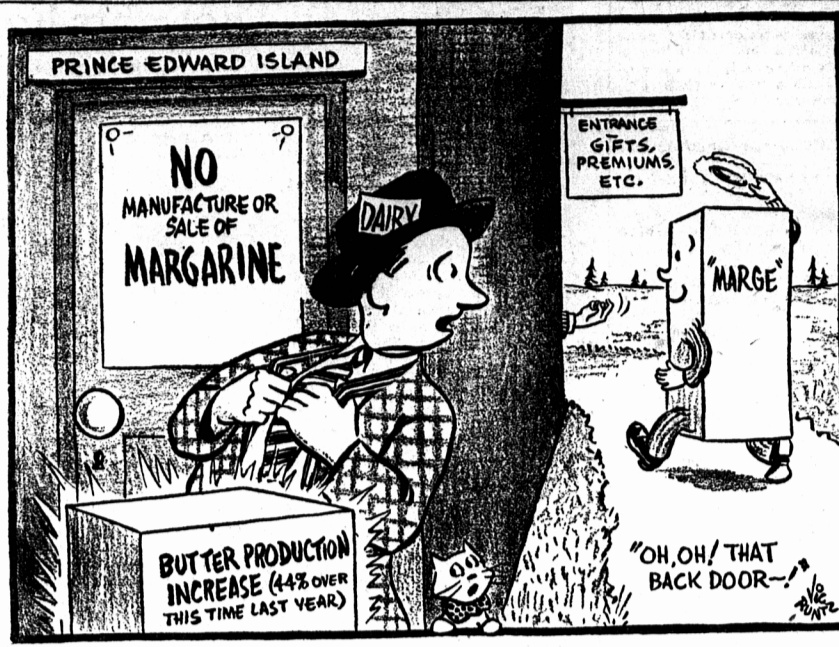
Carl August Nicholas Rosa, English operatic impresario, died this date 1889. He formed the Carl Rosa Opera Company in London in 1875 with the object of producing standard opera in English and of encouraging English composers.

The Chairman of Sackville School Board, Mr. C. C. Avar; L.L.D., well known here has resigned as the result of agitation fanned by the Town Council to throw away present plans for a splendid, permanent, fire-proof composite high school and to substitute therefor a one-story, cheaply-constructed wooden building.

Here is how the Federal Government acquired a central block of property in Vancouver for a new post office and other purposes. Mr. Howard Green (P.C.—Vancouver South) was informed in a Commons return that the area is can (and presumably the Canadian) public is formed by Dunsmuir, Homer, Georgia, and Hamilton streets.

It is evidently as hard work to collect income taxes here as elsewhere. Canada had 253,144 delinquent taxpayers owing \$55,155,434 at March 31, the Government advised Mr. A. L. Smith (P.C.—Calgary West) in a return tabled in the Commons before dissolution.

Ottawa 13,738 (\$4,008,761); Kingston 1,071 (\$238,683); Belleville 1,922 (\$429,732); Toronto 46,694 (\$12,447,750); Hamilton 9,873 (\$2,433,453); London 11,504 (\$2,195,450); Fort William 5,590 (\$975,692); Winnipeg 8,260 (\$2,103,143); Regina 4,307 (\$1,410,200); Saskatoon 2,462 (\$769,934); Calgary 2,637 (\$1,662,968); Edmonton 7,833 (\$2,030,247); Vancouver 27,859 (\$5,234,485); Dawson 442 (\$96,424); Total 253,144 (\$55,115,434).



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.

THE LITTLE THEATRE

Sir,—May I have space in your paper to congratulate the Little Theatre Guild on a most interesting and capable presentation of their three plays.

It would seem that 'practice makes perfect' applies very aptly to this energetic group of entertainers. Not only has the Little Theatre Guild presented a large number of good performances, but each month the results are more gratifying.

The rather unique idea of permitting the audience to view the scene changing between acts, was to my way of thinking a great idea. Some of the work and labor involved in producing even a one-act play can be realized from watching a bit of back-stage action.

It is with pleasant anticipation that I await the coming three-act play, "Billie Spirit" should prove a swell evening's entertainment.

I am, Sir, etc., A BOOSTER

POTATO PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Sir,—Your morning edition announces the names of the personnel of the new Potato Promotion Committee appointed to supervise the expenditure of the Potato Promotion Fund, and the impression is left that the members of this committee were approved by the Federation of Agriculture.

Members of the Federation never made any such recommendation. The Potato Growers' Association recommended the appointment, representing the growers of the Province, of Mr. Gordon MacMillan, Cornwall, Mr. R. A. Profit, Freetown, and Mr. W. McDonald of Brudenell. The Federation of Agriculture later approved unanimously of these three names and passed the recommendations of both farm organizations over to the Government.

Why Messrs. MacMillan and Profit, two of our best potato farmers, who grow substantial quantities of seed potatoes each year, and who have followed and supported our potato seed industry for years, should have been dropped is very difficult to explain. These men are experienced and are quickly available when meetings of the committee are to be held.

Furthermore the recommended parties represented the growers in each County. Now Queen's County is left without a grower representative.

The Federation of Agriculture and our farm producers will insist on a proper explanation of this rude disregard of their representations. Farm organizations should not be treated in this manner, and the sooner this fact is brought home to each member of the Government, the better for all concerned.

I am, Sir, etc., ONE FEDERATION MEMBER.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING

Sir,—In the course of that weekly marketing service report (Guardian, April 23) by Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, I found food for thought in the references to the expanding field for the marketing of agricultural products through the farmers' own co-operative machinery.

There remains, of course, the problem of devising a technique under which the aforesaid Provincial Boards, set up under provincial legislation for the marketing of farm products, may continue their control under Federal legislation into export channels. In other words, farm producers under properly regulated schemes, may now completely control their own products on to the ultimate market.

vincial Boards' will dedicate their operations exclusively in the interests of the producers? This latter, as you know, is the difficulty which has delayed setting-up of the kind of marketing machinery the majority of the farmers desire, for the sale of the cereals other than wheat?

Be that as it may, I heartily agree with my farm editor when he asserts that: "Farmers should be merchandized by interested and sympathetic traders"; and also with the opinion of the Royal Commission on Prices, that: "It may not be entirely wise to allow the prices of farm products to be determined completely by the play of a free market."

I am, Sir, etc., GREY CO. (ONT.)

MUD AND THE LAW

Sir,—May I be permitted space to present a few pertinent facts about road conditions on the Bonshaw route. This road from North River westward is in comparatively good condition allowing free movement of traffic, but from North River to Charlottetown is an entirely different matter. The public forced to use this road suffer time, money, and inconvenience in the words of a famous orator "hopelessly helpless and helplessly hopeless."

I am, Sir, etc., J. F. W.

LIBERAL PROSPECTS

Sir,—The report of "Time" referred to in the letter yesterday on Mr. St. Laurent's visit west is as follows:

"Solid Citizen"

"As Prime Minister of Canada, Louis St. Laurent was still in his own country when he made his first official visit to the Canadian West last week. But as leader of the Liberal Party, which is facing a general election, he might as well have been travelling through a foreign land.

"Under Wraps. In that atmosphere, St. Laurent kept his politics under wraps. I am touring, not campaigning," he insisted. He did not even have a special train. The St. Laurent coach — with Madame St. Laurent and their daughter, Mrs. Mathieu Samson, of Quebec City, aboard — was hooked onto regular trains.

"In Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary and Regina, before less than capacity crowds, the Prime Minister went through the conventional round of banquets, wreath-laying, hospital visits and receptions. Only once was there a break in the formality. At a reception in staid Victoria, a five-year-old broke away from his mother, ran over and kicked St. Laurent in the shin.

"In his speeches, which he wrote himself as his train chuffed across the West, St. Laurent stuck to his statesman's role. Half the time his subject was the North Atlantic Treaty — a discussion of its objectives delivered with the dry precision of a geometry teacher explaining a theorem. When a political speech was called for, St. Laurent talked about the government's record, made no new promises. In Regina, he laid down the line that the alternative to the Liberals was chaos. "Nothing could be worse," said he, "than a Parliament in which no party has a majority." He ruled out both Tory and the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (C.C.F.) chances of gaining such a majority, warned: "Either the Liberal Party wins the election or no party does." For anybody expecting a hint about the date of the election, he had a stock answer: "Well we have to have an election some day."

"Whenever the election day, Louis St. Laurent knew that the votes of Western Canada would count heavily. With the up & coming Progressive Conservative Party almost certain to lop off some Liberal strength in Ontario and Quebec, the Liberals would have to pick up new seats on the prairies and in British Columbia to offset their eastern losses.

"Eye-Catching. Winning Liberal seats in the West was not going to be easy. In that area, the election fight would be a four-way affair, with Liberals and Tories

aiming at present in that direction. It has been a courageous act in forming a North Atlantic Alliance. Canada's part is an honorable one. It will work out for the security of our nation. It will receive the strong support of Canada's people. It will be a support to the United States in the knowledge that it has the strong backing of her northern neighbor. The opportunity is now present for the Canadian electorate to express their approval of the efforts made by Hon. Mr. St. Laurent and his colleagues of joining in a united front to prevent the spread of Communism.

There is nothing more important just now than to let Russia and her satellites know that the Canadian people are with the government in support of the North Atlantic Alliance. The United States last fall rallied in force in support of President Truman. Let Canada do likewise in support of Mr. St. Laurent. It is a matter of world interest.

I have noted the letter appearing in your paper this morning but I refuse to carry on a controversy with an unknown person. At any rate there is nothing in the letter calling for a reply. I have given my opinion that the situation in this Province "looks good". He has given his views although scared to back them up with his signature. We will let it go at that.

I am, Sir, etc., J. F. W.

THE NORTH ATLANTIC PACT

Sir,—The changes that are taking place in the international situation are most encouraging from the view point of the Western Allies and are a victory of western diplomacy over the threatening attitude of Russia in its cold war. Unstinted praise is due to the United States for the magnificent part it has played and its playing in the relief and rehabilitation of Europe. It has been a stupendous job and only the United States with its unlimited wealth could take the spearhead in the effort, but it must be a source of great gratitude and a joy to all Canadians that Canada has supported the States from the start and its still standing by her.

This friendliness and goodwill was a dominant feature in the foreign policy of ex-Prime Minister Mackenzie King and is being continued by our present Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent. It will be endorsed by the Canadian people. When the North Atlantic Pact was conceived, it received the early support of Hon. Mr. St. Laurent. A representative from Canada was on the committee and took his part in completing a treaty which has been approved by all participating nations.

Hon. Mr. St. Laurent has always contended that it would be a deterrent of war and it is evidently

battling the funny-money Social Credit Party (in power in Alberta) and the C.C.F.
"In that kind of free-for-all, Western Liberals expected that dignified, dependable Louis St. Laurent would catch the eye of the voters. Said Don Cromie, publisher of Vancouver's pro-Liberal Sun: 'Canadians are dull. This is the kind of man they have always voted for.' If that Liberal strategy was right, Louis St. Laurent's sober tour fitted the pattern perfectly."

I am, Sir, etc., ALSO INTERESTED

WHAT ABOUT THE TEACHER?

Sir,—Today, the spotlight has been turned upon education, upon the important task of teaching the coming generations. It has always presented a challenge to thinkers since ancient times. Did not such famous philosophical teachers as Socrates, Plato and Aristotle contribute much to true education? Did not The Great Master, Himself, devote His public life upon earth to teaching and instructing? To proceed from the ancient realm when teaching was held in such high repute, let us consider the teaching profession as it appears now.

As we all know, there is a great need for teachers. Yet there is no high pressure advertising done to increase their numbers. In fact one would almost say that there is a subversive propaganda going on continually, to decrease the ranks. Insufficient salary, poorly-equipped classrooms and lack of co-operation on the part of the public—all are agents which tend to discourage one who would desire to be a teacher.

What then, in spite of all this, can account for so many devoting their time and talents to teaching? I think the following lines will answer this question: "I write no poem men's hearts to thrill, No song I sing to lift men's souls; To battle-front, no soldiers lead; In hall of state, I boast no skill; I just teach school."

Poets, soldiers, statesmen—all I see them in the speaking eye, In face aglow with purpose strong, In straightened bodies, tense and tall, When I teach school. I just teach school, but poet's thrill, And singer's joy, and soldier's fire, And statesman's power—all are mine; For in this little group where still, I just teach school.

And them, uplifted, gaze intent On cherished heights they soon shall reach And mine the hands that led them on! And I inspired—therefore content, I still teach school."

Indeed, the teacher's interests must be varied. Her specialty must be mankind. A teacher in the elementary or secondary school, through her incidental teaching, reaches into the realms of the sciences. In teaching history, civics and citizenship, she is teaching respect for law; thus developing strong, patriotic, law-abiding characters.

In teaching health, she introduces care of body, mind and teeth; thus reducing the strenuous labor for doctors, psychiatrists and dentists. But the lessons taught must be not only practical but interesting as well. If the teacher succeeds in winning the goodwill of the pupils, they will no longer regard her as a "catch-me-if-you-can"—a person who "makes" you study through "fear of the rod."

It may be said that: "No educational system can rise above the level of the teacher." Thus, there is a need for conscientious and well-trained men and women. Eager teachers of today are becoming more and more adjusted to modern trends in the science of education thus decreasing the percentage of national illiteracy considerably.

In the Prince of Wales Normal Training Course, the requirements for teacher's license have become more exacting. No prospective teacher can secure a permanent license to teach unless she maintains an over-all average of 85%, in addition to acceptable standards in conformity with academic qualifications. Throughout the course, much attention is being paid to the finer details which are the elements that make a good teacher. All in all, prospective teachers receive a thorough and extensive training, both cultural and practical.

In addition to her immediate duties in the classroom, where does the teacher stand in community activities? The life of the teacher is not one-sided. In the

The Poets Corner
APRIL
The sun was warm but the wind was chill, You know how it is with an April day; When the sun is out and the wind is still, You're one month on in the middle of May. But if you so much as dare to speak, A cloud comes over the sunlit arch, A wind comes off a frozen peak, And you're two months back in the middle of March. —Robert Frost

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

FATAL VISITATION

On the evening of Saturday the 21st inst., a man of the name of Peter McInyre, in attempting to cross the ice, opposite Charlottetown, during a violent storm of snow, unfortunately perished. His body was not found until next day. A Coroner's Inquest returned a verdict of "Died by the visitation of God." The deceased, who was a native of Scotland, arrived on the Island lately from Miramichi, and resided for some time past at East Point.—Prince Edward Island Register, Jan. 31, 1938.

development of such community activities as: Credit Union organizations and Study Groups; Dramatic Clubs and Choral entertainments together with many other organizations, the teacher can offer her contribution. Here she has an opportunity to become a leader, stimulating, and guiding when necessary, others who go forward into the larger field.

"When I am dead, as I shall be, And sleep in cold, gray marble, Please say, I taught thee." I am, Sir, etc., MARY ANITA KEAYS, Normal Training Student, Prince of Wales College.

The Age-Old Story
Thou, O God, hast prepared, Of Thy goodness, for the poor.

LONDON — (CP) — Expensive scents may be produced for a few cents an ounce if a British scientist's coal derivative replaces ambergris as a perfume fixative.

PLAYGROUNDS WEEK

MONTREAL, April 29 —(CP)— Pierre Allard, president of the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association, announced today that May 21-30 has been set aside for a Dominion-wide demonstration of the importance of playgrounds and open recreational space in the life of big cities.

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