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A Great Farmer

In the death of Mr. JOHN B. MACFADYEN, of Augustine Cove the Province has sustained the loss of one of its most advanced and successful farmers. MR. MACFADYEN was personally of a retiring disposition, seldom moving as a speaker, but he was the brains and moving spirit in most of the progressive movements in agriculture in our midst.

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Barkless dogs from the heart of Central India form features at a big dog show in London. It will now be in order to develop noiseless cats. Taking away the bark from canines and the soprano from felinity would make for better sleep on the part of millions of human beings.

Somewhere between Singapore and Australia is a canoe occupied by Oscar Speck of Hamburg, Germany. Inquiries have been received at Singapore regarding his whereabouts. He left there several months ago, intending to reach Australia within a year.

Coincident with Mussolini's visit to Libya, a proclamation announcing that Italy is now "a Mohammedan Power" has been issued by Italo Balbo, Governor of the colony. The statement is accompanied by pledges of religious tolerance and recognition of Islamic law among Italy's Moslem subjects.

One chief question that faces dictators is "who's next." Since nearly all dictators through history have held power on an illegal basis, it is rather difficult to arrange a legal order of succession. If it is legal, it is generally ineffective.

The landlady of a Winnipeg lodging house, one of whose roomers, a former convict was killed in a repressed skirmish with the police, expressed surprise because "he was so nice around the house."

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P.E.I. Potatoes

By A. M. Bell M. D.
The publicity movement inaugurated in the State of Maine with the object of advertising and educating the consuming public that the potato is a food containing high nutrition value, and endeavoring to show the superior quality of the Maine product, should receive the fullest consideration of every potato producer in this province.

In order to convince the consuming public that this is a necessary food to maintain the physical well being, it must be presented in a most convincing way that the potato, of the quality produced in this province contains more necessary health producing elements than any other food available in its class.

The investigators and students of nutrition and foods have found from their studies and experiments that the potato possesses very many of the factors necessary for the production and maintenance of health. In the composition of the potato we find carbohydrate, protein, fats, inorganic elements, considerable vitamin content and water. The amount and quality of each of these constituents is influenced by a number of factors as—variety, soil, climate with its temperature, where grown, and the cultural methods employed in its production.

This acid condition is the prominent feature of today known as acidosis. This condition is now so prevalent and it is so vitally necessary that it be clearly understood by all, in order to intelligently take measures to establish and maintain physical well being of the body and often to preserve life itself, it is necessary to give a brief outline imparting a general understanding, so that all thus will be enabled to intelligently prevent the development of this dread condition, and where present have the knowledge and understanding as to what means to employ to correct it.

It has been said by one health authority that the well-being of man among other features, appears to hang on the proper chemical reaction of effective acid-base equilibrium. Since health, and often life itself of man hangs on the slender thread of the proper chemical reaction of the blood and tissues, it is imperative to have some method of measuring the degree of acidity or alkalinity.

In the human body where there is a mixture of both acid and alkaline substances—that is, when both hydrogen ions and hydroxyl ions are present, that "ph" is of vital importance. If the hydrogen ions should predominate, meaning an acid condition, death would inevitably ensue.

This shows the great importance of determining the ph. A ph of 7.0 represents the neutral point. Above ph 7.0 denotes alkalinity. Below ph 7.0 denotes acidity. Each increase or decrease of one unit represents a ten-to-four increase or decrease of acidity. A difference between a ph of 7.4 and a ph 7.2 may seem a very slight difference but it represents a dangerous change in the chemical condition of the blood.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

MISLEADING

Sir,—Re the report appearing in your paper of Carpenters Union held last Saturday evening the information which seems to have reached you is somewhat in error as the meeting did not make any decision with regard to the wage scale for the incoming season except that the present time was a little premature to ask for any advance.

I am, Sir, etc.
H. J. BERNARD, President.
Charlottetown Carpenters Union.

VESEL IN DISTRESS

Sir,—Rumors are current that the S. O. S. call went out from a Liberal vessel in distress and that its valuable cargo of two 45 gal. drums of turpentine, two 45 gal. drums of raw oil, 700 lbs white lead, and 1,000 gals of varnish was towed to safety by a very large cutter, and stored in a government building.

I am, Sir, etc.
POOR TAX-PAYER

EASTER IN NEW YORK

Sir,—Although "Good Friday" and "Easter Monday" are not generally observed here as public holidays since the Lenten and Easter seasons are kept to an appreciable extent by all churches, Protestant and Catholic alike, and of course at Easter the Jewish people who comprise a large proportion of the city population keep with due observance the great Passover Feast commemorating the flight of the Jews from Egypt 3,000 years ago.

It is this breaking away from the old foundations of religion that is responsible for so much godlessness and actual atheism in the world today. However the point I want to emphasize is the harmony and enthusiasm with which all the Protestant communions without distinction are jointly uniting in all the pre-Easter services and the goodly numbers that attend. In one Church on Palm Sunday, so a news item relates, there was such a crowd attending that the priest took occasion to wish them a Merry Christmas stating that he would not likely have the opportunity of seeing many of them again before that time.

Musical programs including Cantatas were a special feature of Palm Sunday and will also be on Easter Sunday. Special singers assist the regular choirs in these services and the effect is magnificent and inspiring. To the business man, especially store keepers, the Easter season is commercialized to a very large extent. It is the great Spring festival which without exception all people look forward to with such pleasurable anticipations. Springtime there is magic in the very name. It calls for the songs of love. You hear them in the Music Halls. The call of Spring. The longing for eagerness for joyous celebrations at the reviving and re-awakening of life, for gaiety, beauty and pleasure is catered to and systematically cultivated with the result that retail trade is greatly stimulated. Fashions shows are held, Easter parades are looked forward to, floral and other enticing displays are exhibited, Press, radio and theatre all join in the acclaim. I cannot close this part of my letter better than repeat a verse I learned years ago as follows: "I have seen the leaves fall and lie thick upon the ground, I have heard the wintry blasts sing sad requiems over their decay and still Spring came, the soft zephyrs played among the branches and in place of Death there was Life, Beauty and Joy."

The crime does not pay was again made quite evident this week when the underworld received a bad bump. A special blue jury convicted 7 Racketeers of extortion and other crimes. These were the remnants of the famous "Dutch" Schultz crowd of gangsters, killers, racketeers, etc. which has been operating since Prohibition days. Five of them have been shot and murdered, three are fugitives, from justice and seven are now convicted and will spend many years behind prison bars. The war against crime is being relentlessly carried on but there is always a new crop of criminals growing up who seem to think that they are smarter than those who have gone before. They are mistaken. The way of the transgressor is always hard.

President Roosevelt appears at last to have second thoughts about the spread of sit-down strikes that he has called together a conference of congressional leaders for today to agree upon what steps are necessary to curb this new and illegal method used by organized labor. Reference is being made to Canada's Labor laws for the settlement of disputes and which forbid strikes without notice. Having been given to the "notice period" seems to be objectionable here but apparently has worked all right in Canada. It is pleasing to read the recent statement of Minister of Justice Lapointe that the sit-down menace will not

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be allowed to gain a foot-hold in own province where the Old Scottish system has been closely adhered to during the past century. The system has in fact throughout the Christian era formed the elementary basis of learning throughout the whole Western World, and it is ridiculous to hear educated people now talk as though Latin, Geometry and Algebra were just accidents that somehow or other, at some time or other crept into our system of Education. This reminds us that another champion of a radical change in our system of education, Mr. Bernard O'Leary—the West just naturally breeds new ideas—writes to condemn the use of Geometry in the common public Schools. Almost in the same breath he goes on to say that it is high time that we began to teach our boys and girls to reason out the why and wherefore of things. Again it is to laugh, for what subject can train boys and girls to do this better than geometry can? But we can readily imagine that when Mr. Bernard speaks of the why and the wherefore of things, he means the cause and effect of all things under the sun, from the way of the solar system itself to the way of a microbe; and from the way of a man with a maid, and a maid with a man. But just why, we might ask Mr. Bernard, just why should we teach boys and girls to reason out the why and wherefore of any thing; for beasts and birds and butterflies can teach us that it is not necessary to do so in order to lead a gay and happy existence? Why not teach our boys and girls in the spirit of the following words:
Eat drink and be merry,
For tomorrow we die;
And what has old Euclid to do with producing a good apple pie?
We confess the metre is not so perfect as that of Pope is, nor yet that of Burns, but we think the words express justly well the spirit of the present age, especially

WHITHER EDUCATION?
Sir,—In reference to Mr. J. W. A. Nicholson's letter denouncing our present system of Education, which recently appeared in your paper, Mr. J. C. Mortimer of Sackville, N. B. writes to inform us that Mr. Nicholson is one of the best educated and most profoundly cultured men in Canada, and that therefore his opinions should have some weight. And indeed, so far as we ourselves are concerned, the only objection what ever that we can justly take to this assertion, is that Mr. Nicholson is a product or rather a victim of the system which he now condemns, and which Mr. Mortimer says was laughed at 30 years ago by all real educators, at which time he was taking his degree in Glasgow University. We, however, heartily welcome Mr. J. C. Mortimer to our Island Forum, notwithstanding that he is a foreigner; at least, we are informed that our old-fashioned cousins of Summerside and Prince County in general, still use this term when referring to their neighbors across the Strait; but just how far by this name they mean to imply barbarian or gentile, we cannot say. We do know however that Prince County has now an Academy, and we confess we like the word;—long live the Academy. But in welcoming Mr. Mortimer to our Forum we must remind him at once that we cannot just take for granted his sweeping assertion that all real educators laughed 30 years ago at our system of Education. How are we to prove this? It is true our own esteemed citizen and M. L. A. Mr. Walter Jones, says so, and Walter is an honorable man; and Mr. Nicholson says so—and he is a learned man; and the president of Mr. Allison University says so, and he is a "Trueman"; and no doubt they are all honorable men. But we are still obsessed with the Euclidian idea that the whole is greater than the part, be it ever so great; and so when Mr. Mortimer says that all real educators have laughed at our present system we must simply check-mark the assertion, "not proved." It ought indeed, obviously enough, to be hard to laugh out of court a system which produces besides its present assailants, a Shakespeare in England, and a Robert Burns in Scotland; and likewise in these same countries, an innumerable host of other worthies in literature, music, architecture, medicine, law, theology and every other department of learning and culture. The system moreover produced during the past two centuries, a high general level of intelligence in the British people, especially in Scotland and in our

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Under the wintry sky;
And the rain and foam are white in the wind,
And the white gulls cry.
She sees the sea when the wind is wild
Swept by the stormy rain;
And her heart's a-weary of sea and land
As the long days wane.
She sees the torn sails fly in the foam
Broad on the sky-line grey;
And the boats go out and the boats come in,
But there's one away.—Arthur Symons.

those in close touch with the present situation declare that in calling the General Synod elections Hitler has acknowledged his defeat.—New Outlook.