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

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Farm Rehabilitation

Elsewhere on this page appears a letter from Mr. H. K. S. Hemming, enunciating the policy of the Campbell Government with regard to its farm rehabilitation scheme.

That being the case, it is strange it was not revealed either in the legislation passed at the last session or in the speeches of Government candidates in the election campaign.

The outstanding feature of the legislation, which is all the official information before the public, is that it vests practically unlimited power with the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

When pressed for details of the specific nature given by Mr. Hemming in today's letter, Premier Campbell told his legislative followers that these could not be formulated until a survey was made.

Mr. Hemming seems to be under a different impression.

Let us hope, at any rate, that he is correct in stating that control of the plan will be "entrusted to a non-partisan Commission."

As for soliciting The Guardian's support of the principle of this scheme, our correspondent is surely not unmindful that this paper was the first to urge its importance upon the Government.

Both in the lower and upper houses of Parliament the King Government bill for the bonusing of the salt fish export business has been subjected to telling and constructive criticism.

Bonusing Fishery Legislation

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A strong critic of the bill was Mr. R. E. Finn, one of the Liberal members for Halifax, who bluntly declared: "It is my judgment that when this bill is read clause by clause and discussed in committee, our members will realize how empty it is, with the exception of the fact that

\$300,000 is available for a purpose which should be specified, but which is not at all specific, either in the interpretation clause or under the other sections of the bill."

After hearing the explanations of some of his party colleagues Mr. Finn said the situation was "far worse" than he thought it was.

Decorate For Rotary

Rotary District Conference which will be held here June 7th and 8th will attract hundreds of important visitors from all over the Maritimes, Maine, and Newfoundland.

Air Transportation

Mr. Denton Massey M. P., has congratulated the Hon. Mr. Howe on the progress the airlines are making. The Minister of Transport, as most people are aware, has official responsibility over Trans-Canada Airlines and there is evidence that he is discharging that responsibility with a vigor and with a success that do not always characterize the promotion of a business enterprise by the political head of a department of Government.

Some thirteen hundred pounds of air mail are being transported daily and passenger traffic "has spectacularly exceeded expectations."

The service is now being extended to the Maritime Provinces, with landing fields and beams provided at Moncton, Blissville and Megantic, while the municipal airports at Charlottetown, New Glasgow and Halifax are being improved.

Editorial Notes

Ember Day. The loss of two submarines, the American "Squalus" and the British "Thetis" indicates that the perils of the undersea boats are not confined to wartime.

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Franco is these days busy saving himself from his friends. He is by no means disposed to allow Hitler and Mussolini to dictate Spanish policy, although economic and military concessions are to be given to both countries.

The battle royal between McGeer and Drew in the Public Accounts Committee attracted more attention and interest than anything that has taken place in the House of Commons this session.

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Lord Tweedsmuir has left for a fishing trip in Gaspé. The Governor-General will stay at the fishing camp of Tom Lamont, New York financier, until June 8, when he will return to Quebec City prior to leaving for Halifax for the June 15 departure of the King and Queen. In the absence of Lord Tweedsmuir Parliament likely will be prorogued by Chief Justice Sir Lyman Duff. It is expected Parliament will conclude its business Saturday or early next week.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

American authors, like other authors, are not indifferent to the prospect of big money. They are not self-respect before money-getting. Negotiations have recently been carried on with a German publisher with a view to the production of a German translation of Miss Rachel Lyman Field's novel "All This and Heaven Too".

Should the voting age be reduced from 21 to 18? Is 18 too young for one to vote? The matter is being discussed, though not in an official way as yet at any rate in the United States.

In the House of Commons of Canada time for discussion is more abundant than in the Mother of Parliaments. The importance of action on a long array of issues of great consequence is guaranteed by the Dominions Branch of the British House.

In one of his lectures recently delivered in Toronto Earl Baldwin expressed his belief that Great Britain's disposition to attempt a solution of international problems by honest deliberation and conferences roots back into generation upon generation by Bible-reading people of Great Britain.

Since the War there has been a remarkable Spiritualist revival in London. Many populous suburbs now have their own churches, at which services as well as secular meetings are regularly held.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

FARM REHABILITATION

Sir:—In the June 1st edition of the Guardian you said editorially, about 25,000 returned soldiers who returned to the farm rehabilitation scheme of the Campbell Government, only 9,000 are still on the land."

The above criticism, I feel, is not well founded, there being a number of fundamental differences between the soldiers' settlement scheme and the plan for farm rehabilitation which our Government proposes to inaugurate.

The commission will be an incorporated body and will issue debentures for the purchase of land. The commission will be subject to a sinking fund.

The commission will appoint a general manager and a secretary-treasurer, and will be divided into districts. Each supervisor will have charge of about 50 farms.

On an application for assistance, a survey of the farm will be prepared giving in detail the improvements and additional work required with their estimated cost.

If the character and habits of the applicant farmer are deemed satisfactory, he will be expected to sign an agreement undertaking to follow closely under penalty of forfeiture, the instruction given to him by the commission.

In addition to the 5 per cent interest on the money loaned, the farmers will pay 2 per cent annually in respect of principal. On this basis the loans will be paid in full in 25 years.

Assistance in buying their produce on wholesale co-operative lines. Instruction and advice as to the latest scientific methods of farming, a lack of knowledge of which it is admitted is one of the chief shortcomings of many of our farmers.

A point of vital significance is that in most cases the farmer, under the rehabilitation plan, is not placed in surroundings entirely new to him, as was the case with the returned soldier, but remains on a farm with every foot of which he is familiar.

The above applies only to farmers already established. In the case of young men desiring to start out for themselves, cultivated farms will be found for them on lines similar to the above.

Trusting that "the Guardian" will do all in its power to assist in bringing the re-habilitation plan to fruition.

I am, Sir, etc. H. K. S. HEMMING. (Comment on Mr. Hemming's letter appears in today's editorial columns.—Ed. G.)

MR. SIMPSON'S COMPLAINT Sir:—I wrote to Hon. B. W. LePage a week ago asking him to correct a statement he made in a political meeting in Mayfield Hall.

amused tolerance which so often puzzles other nations, "each of us fights for what we haven't got!"—Exchange.

"WORN OUT" AND WORRIED Dragging around each day, unable to do housework—cranky with the children—feeling miserable, nervous, irritable, when the kidneys may be out of order. When kidneys fail the system clogs with impurities. Dodd's Kidney Pills help clear the system, giving nature a chance to restore health and energy. Easy to take. Safe. Dodd's Kidney Pills

Royal Courtesy

(Ottawa Journal) One of the lessons His Majesty King George is teaching as he goes through Canada, is the great virtue of courtesy. The virtue of being helpful and considerate, eschewing the shoddiness of pomposity and self-importance. Everywhere, no matter where he goes, regardless of the station in life of those he meets, His Majesty shows the true greatness of simplicity and kindness.

We have in mind, at the moment, that little story carried from Regina yesterday by The Canadian Press. This: "The Royal couple were enjoying a brisk walk along the station platform before dinner, in front of them timidly stood Allen Thompson, Canadian National Telegraph messenger, with his camera poised to take a picture of Their Majesties outside the Royal train."

"The King, Thompson related, noticed him, stepped over and said: 'The sun is coming out. Wait a moment and you will get a nice picture.'"

"The lad waited, the King and Queen stood together and smiled as young Thompson clicked the shutter."

On the front page of Thursday's Journal there was a picture of Their Majesties walking in the Ayler countryside. That picture was taken by an amateur photographer who was graciously given Their Majesties' help. They didn't complain that their privacy was being invaded nor try to make his task more difficult. Knowing that the picture would mean much to him they smiled at the camera.

We have known pompous politicians and others who thought themselves "too busy" to be photographed, just as we have known the cameras of cameramen trying to snap them. Obsessed with an idea of their importance, and lacking that kindness and consideration for others which is the mark of the gentleman, it would never occur to them that the cameraman might be merely trying to perform his duty, to earn his livelihood.

There is an axiom among newspapermen that "the bigger the man, the easier he is to interview." And it is true. It is not the real statesman, nor the great captain of industry, nor the truly great scientist, who refuses to see reporters or who is so rule to them. It is usually the smaller fry of publication, the underling with no brief authority, or the "nouveau riche" without background.

These communities would be largely in the daily press. There must be good reason for this continued favorable showing of the newspapers. They must be getting results or they would not continue to dominate the field of national advertising.

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Call and look over our stock of all gardener's supplies

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"Insurance is designed to take the strain mainly out of saving property. If you're correctly insured, you know where you stand if disaster takes a whack at your possessions."

never take any chances on getting an insurance protection. It's too vital and so important. I want to know what's what and so I've turned all my insurance problems over to the agent of the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford. There's no chance for a slip-up on my protection."

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STABILITY

In a world of swiftly changing conditions, life insurance stands solid as a rock. Industries may rise and fall because of new inventions and discoveries. Income and capital from ordinary investments may diminish or be wiped out. But for almost fifty years the story of The Great-West Life has been a record of stable and consistent expansion.

Build part of your estate on this bed-rock foundation of insurance, to provide guaranteed protection for your family or a guaranteed income for yourself on retirement.

HYNDMAN & CO. LIMITED Provincial Managers Offices: Charlottetown, Summerside, Montague.

For a Delicious Cup of Orange Pekoe Tea Mr. Tea Pott Says: Use BRAHMIN Full Flavoured Tea

TIMELY SALE of GARDEN TOOLS

SMART'S LAWN MOWERS from \$7.95 to \$17.50 Also Grass and Hedge Shears

GARDEN HOSE: from 1/2" to 1" 50 ft. lengths coupled

1/2 inch. — \$3.75
5-8 inch — \$5.50
3/4 inch. — \$6.50

Also Hose on any length.

BLACK CAST GARDEN SPADES LONG OR "D" HANDLES — \$1.10

GARDEN HOSE 60c to \$1.00

GARDEN FORKS \$1.00 to \$1.35

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