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P. W. C. Convocation

Since the establishment of Prince of Wales College eighty years ago a great event of every year has been Convocation Day...

Primarily, the function of higher education is to give a sense of values and perspective to life, from contact with "the best that has been thought and said in the world..."

Still No Explanation

According to a Canadian National Railways press release, the sixty-five visiting members of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers have completed their tour...

The group, which includes members from the East Indies, South Africa, Great Britain, France, Sweden, China and other of the twenty-two nations with memberships in the body...

It simply doesn't make sense that we, the only farm exporting Province in the Maritimes and with a continent-wide reputation for quality production in seed potatoes, dairy cattle, bacon hogs and poultry products should be treated in this manner...

Fish And Fertilizer

Dr. M. W. Smith, of the Fisheries Research Board biological station at St. Andrews, N. B., has found a definite relationship between trout production and water conditions in the Maritime Provinces...

Artificial fertilization to increase productivity is still in its exploratory stage, according to Dr. Smith, but it has proceeded sufficiently far to indicate well-defined problems...

One of the methods of controlling unwanted fish is by poisoning the waters. Experience from past attempts has shown that a complete kill of all fish in the lake is necessary to be effective...

lethal quantities through varying water temperatures is claimed.

Another question involved in fertilization is whether trout angling will be improved satisfactorily enough to warrant the cost involved...

Dr. Smith and his associates conducted fertilization experiments at Crecy and Gibson lakes in Charlotte County and found that at Crecy Lake, planted fingerling trout grew rapidly enough to be caught by anglers the following year...

EDITORIAL NOTES

Clean up week.

Thirty-one more days till the election.

Today Newfoundland has her first election since the suspension of the Dominion type constitution in 1933.

From reports of the latest Big Four talks in Paris it looks as if a final Treaty of Peace with Germany is not even on the horizon.

With 7,000 Dutch immigrant farmers here this year, and 10,000 next year, agriculture should benefit in production, and it is to be hoped, in prices as well.

The decision of St. Dunstan's Alumni Association to back the erection of a gymnasium and auditorium must be applauded. From their very nature colleges must serve their undergraduates, but it is only from the alumni that substantial financial contributions can be expected.

Prize-winning by Island livestock is becoming a matter of course today. Being a matter of course it is nevertheless of the first importance. We can hardly compete with other provinces in volume of production, so that it must continue to be quality or nothing.

A Frenchman, Prof. Henri Andre, is reported to have invented an improved storage battery. The new cell has silver and zinc electrodes. The alkaline electrolyte is immobilized so that it does not spill. The whole weighs only one-third to one-half as much as the more familiar types.

Buying of peanuts by U.S. government though a boon to farmer, is tending to keep peanut butter price high in Canada, says Canadian Grocer. Ultimately, say some in the trade, it may induce Canadian manufacturers to seek cheaper nuts from Mexico, India, China.

The price being paid for waste paper has declined to \$4.00 a ton as compared with a high of \$15.00 a ton a few months ago. The reason given for the decline is that the mills which use paper stock have stopped buying and are using up large storage piles which they have accumulated over the past few months.

One of the \$64 questions of the present Federal election campaign appears to have been answered in part at least in Quebec—the question of what, if any, support Conservative Leader Drew can expect from the extremely efficient National Union Party organization of Duplessis. On the platform with Mr. Drew was the Hon. Dr. Camille Pouliot, Provincial Minister of Game and Fisheries, who holds the provincial seat of Gaspé South for Premier Duplessis party. It is reported in Quebec that this marks the second appearance of a National Union Cabinet Minister in the Federal campaign to date—with the Hon. Jean Paul Sauve, Provincial Welfare Minister, reportedly active in other sections of the province. Dr. Pouliot's appearance is regarded, rightly or wrongly, as evidence that National Union ministers and M.L.A.'s have been left free to participate, should they so desire, in the Federal campaign and that most of them will follow the example already set by the two ministers.

English Habeas Corpus Act passed this date 1679. This is a writ protecting the personal liberty of the citizen. Where a person is detained on a criminal charge without being brought to trial, or where he is unlawfully detained by private individuals any one, on his behalf, may apply to a judge of the High Court for writ of habeas corpus commanding the governor of the jail, or person detaining the individual to bring him before the court in order that the reasons for his detention may be investigated; if there be no sufficient reason, the court will then order him to be set at liberty, or, if he is a child, order him to be given up to his lawful guardians. In times of national peril the Habeas Corpus Act may be suspended by Parliament.

A look at the division of Ottawa's spending for the past seven years shows how social welfare costs have soared to a point where they hit around \$400,000,000 for 1949-50, says the Hamilton Spectator. Add to this another \$464,000,000 paid out on our national debt and you have more than half the total Federal budget. And this with relatively low defence costs (far lower per capita than either the United States or England), and with ordinary expenditures holding fairly steady. These are inflation days. In other words, Government revenues relative to its spending are far higher than they are likely to be a couple of years from now. By the books—and certainly in light of promises made by politicians in the recent weeks—our social welfare costs will keep climbing. Our defence costs will rise. Our debt charges won't decrease. How will revenue be boosted? That needs no devious answer. Canadians want every cent of social welfare we can afford. It is a cruel deception at the same time to try to convince the public that no additional taxes will be needed to finance expansion of these services.

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.

FISHING ON SUNDAY

Sir, — I recently read with interest a letter in the Public Forum column of your valuable paper regarding fishing on Sundays and wish to add to this protest my further objections. The number of anglers turning out each Sunday has been on the increase, and I venture to say that they are well up in the hundreds. It is not an uncommon thing to see from five to ten cars and sometimes truck-loads drive into villages, where streams or ponds are, and fish all Sunday afternoon in sight of people going to church. Ninety-eight per cent of the residents of these villages are disgusted with the situation, as it now is.

If the Fish and Game Association want good fishing then it is time for them to put a stop to this Sunday fishing, for, if the public can have one day of each seven for fishing purposes, then it will only be a short time until all the streams in the Province are depleted, except for a few which have been leased to private parties.

Take it from another angle. We know that it is illegal to go gunning on Sundays and for this offence numbers have been taken before the courts, fined and had their firearms confiscated. Fishing is in the same category and should which today's law is broken, if not enforced for both fishing and hunting.

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN

Bradabane, P.E.I.

SHUT-IN'S DAY

Sir, — The first Sunday of June — June 5th this year — will mark the eighth anniversary of the founding of Shut-in's Day, an annual observance which was originated in Godsway, Ont., and which has grown to international proportions.

While confined to his bed for six months with heart trouble in the fall of 1941, Ernest Barker, of Godsway, learned the loneliness of such confinement. He resolved that when he was able to get around again he would organize such an observance as Shut-in's Day, whereby one day a year would be set aside by people everywhere to bring a little sunshine into the lives of the Shut-ins and handicapped folk.

First move to spread the idea was in 1941. Mr. Barker talked over the idea with Rev. Arthur J. MacKay, in him he found an enthusiastic backer. Together they decided that the first Sunday of June would be the most suitable time.

Letters were sent out to leading newspapers in Canada and the U.S.A. to spread the idea. As a result of these letters a chapter was formed in the U.S.A. in 1942 the S.I.D. Association of Canada was formed. Rev. A.J. MacKay was the first president and Ernest Barker, secretary. They had 5,000 pamphlets printed telling of Shut-in's Day. They were mailed to leading newspapers and radio stations in Canada and the U.S.A. and to ministers of different denominations on both sides of the border.

In 1943 leading department stores began to feature the day in advertisements. In 1948 church and national leaders endorsed the movement. In 1946 florists took up the idea. This year Prince has formed a committee. The idea is growing and it is estimated that this year in Canada and the U.S.A. alone, some four million Shut-ins will be remembered.

I am Sir, etc.

DANIEL GAGSE, Cornwall, P.E.I.

The Age-Old Story

For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord; I will set him in safety from him that putteth at him.

FATHER OF THE YEAR

NEW YORK, May 26 — (AP) — Dr. Ralph Bunche was named father of the year today for his achievements as acting United Nations mediator for Palestine. Alvin Austin, executive director of the National Father's Day Committee, said Dr. Bunche's successful mediation efforts demonstrated the U. N. is the road to peace. Dr. Bunche, 44-year-old Detroit Negro, is the father of three children.

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The Poet's Corner
TO THE GRADUATES
This is your day—the sky is blue, The grass is green, and the sun is high. Then take your journey—farewell to you! May bright adventures before you lie!

Freedom from fear is in knowing why The lightning strikes, or the microphone kills; How to disarm the electric sky, Or cleanse the body of swarming flies.

Freedom from want is in knowing how To make best use of each working hour, At desk or work-bench, kitchen or plow. For the world must live by the workers' power.

Freedom to think, to build, to grow Beyond the things that are yesterday's. This is for those who dare to know And face the perils of untold ways.

Truth is precious, and lies are cheap. Scattered thickly by freedom's foes, But search for the truth, and dig deep— Freedom is found by the mind that knows.

This is your day—the sky is blue, The grass is green, and the sun is high. Then take your journey—farewell to you! May bright adventures before you lie!

NO GALL BLADDERS

Deer, elk and moose have no gall bladders.

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Notes By The Way

Duke University will experiment on students to see if it is possible to induce thought. — Peterborough Examiner.

Magistrates at a place called Hook, in Surrey, England, have come up with a good idea. What's more, they have put it into statutory practice. It seems that an individual appeared before the court, charged with having stolen a number of concrete slabs and bricks and push the things back to the place from which he filched them. The man was also "bound over" for a year. The punishment distance was three and a half miles, so the punishment fitted the crime. Evidently it does not pay to hook things in Hook. — Brantford Expositor.

Many parts of the Commonwealth and Empire are contributing their products for the reconstruction of the House of Commons blighted during the war. Silver from Fiji, bauxite from British Guiana, bean wood and walnut from Queensland are some of the exotic stuff going into the new building. But the strangest of all is stinkwood from the Knysna forests of South Africa. Stinkwood, in the parlance of the House, is something like oak and wins its name from the odor the tree gives off when newly-cut. The stinkwood is being fashioned into chairs for the clerks of the ways and means committee and of the House. That is more diplomatic than having it fabricated into opposition benches and "punctured" suggested itself to some sorely set upon members of the government. — Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

The flat tire, a major nuisance to motoring America, is gradually being shoved toward oblivion. Despite prices three to four times as high as those on regular tubes, drivers are swinging increasingly to the hard-to-flatten type of inner tube. The trend, say industry spokesmen, means manufacturing what not in a most uncanny manner. When it finishes its work, the knowing little critter scoots back to its stall in the hall closet. The journal does not say what does the trick; whether it is radar, development of the electric eye, or what; apparently preferring to leave things on a "wonders will never cease" basis. But it might at least have explained what happens to the dust bag. — Winnipeg Free Press.

The New York Post reports that the magazine Holiday has used the word "blethering" to describe the type of people who go to another country, perhaps even become citizens of that country, and adopt a snobbish attitude toward the natives. The word is taken from an old Scotch proverb, "blethering in one of Sinclair Lewis' stories, and Holiday suggests that as another Lewis character, Mr. Babbitt, is established in American language, "blethering" will also be incorporated. But "blethering" is a word of everyday use in Scotland, where it originated, and can be found in Robert Burns' poems, and we were of opinion it was common to the English language wherever spoken. An English variation of it is "blathering", and a blathering or blathering person means a "wind-bag", or a person who talks nonsense. Surely Holiday is just "blethering" when it suggests applying this word to mean a snobbish American broad. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Actually, fishermen are no more prone to exaggeration than any other sportsmen, but they are more alert to delicate suggestions, their sensibilities are finer, their perceptions keener. A piece of fencing wire in a river bed can give an angler several minutes of thrills. It shakes, it tugs, it whirls. Sometimes it comes to the surface, and the angler sees how he has been fooled. But there are many chimeric times when the hook finally pulls free—and who is to say that it was not a fish that fought so stubbornly? — Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

The trend away from mixed farming toward more specialized grain production is apparently not confined to Western Canada. A recent report from Norway indicates that farmers in many districts of that country are selling their herds and turning to grain or truck farming. The number of goats, producers of famous Norwegian cheese, is dropping steadily due to a shortage of help, but sheep raising meanwhile

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QUICKIES BY KEN REYNOLDS
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