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Welcome Visitors

Prince Edward Island extends a cordial welcome to the members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association...

Unfortunately their visit will be of only a few hours' duration, but it is hoped that it will prove a welcome relaxation...

Winnipeg's Anniversary

The city of Winnipeg last week observed its 75th birthday. It was a proud day in the history of this community...

Winnipeg in 1870 had a population of 300, and two years later an agitation to make it a city was begun.

A writer in the Winnipeg Free Press, telling of the city's early times, says a banker arrived to open a branch with \$200,000 in currency...

Quality Or Quantity

The rise in the demand for university education is one of the characteristic aspects of this era. No fewer than 16,000 students attended the University of Toronto...

"Some of this," remarks the Globe and Mail, "is due to a form of social hypocrisy, which values white-collar occupations above those demanding skill of hand or eye..."

Oxford University proposes to stabilize its enrolment at about the present figure of 7,500, according to Dr. Lowe, and will aim at a ratio of one staff member to every ten students...

whose circumstances are inadequate to the expense. But if the peculiar values of university education are not to be perverted by irrelevance...

EDITORIAL NOTES

Fourteen more days till the election.

Canadian Manufacturers' Association are welcome on their brief visit.

The Summer hotels are operating once more. May their season beat all records in patronage.

The West Kent Cadets made a most favourable impression on their church parade Sunday, and their march to and from Trinity Church was watched by admiring crowds of interested spectators.

The Maritime tour of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, whose members are here today, may open the eyes of Canadian interests to Maritime industrial possibilities...

Charlottetown welcomes the visiting postmasters attending the annual conference of the Maritime branch, Canadian Postmasters' Association.

There is wisdom on the part of the C.C.F.'s in risking only one candidate in Queen's County contest. The Party has not been over-active publicly here...

The report that Canada will look to any communist-formed government in China for repayment of \$60,000,000 lent to that country for military and other equipment seems strangely unreal.

The \$22 million former Crown aircraft plant at Cartierville, Quebec and the steps by which it passed into the hands of an American company for \$200,000 a year may have been perfectly legitimate.

Visitors from away have, as might be expected, diverse views on election prospects. In one party assurance was given that the "time for a change had come," which was immediately challenged by another "fellow traveller" who said Quebec and Ontario would decide in favour of St. Laurent carrying on.

Improbable Topics at the Postmasters' Convention here tomorrow: The preference of some people for mint flavoured mulligee on their postage stamps; a mind reading course for mail sorters; and the cutting off altogether of the mail to King's County points since it doesn't get away from Charlottetown any day till mid-afternoon anyway.

The renewal, by the Fisheries Research Board, of investigations of the Eastern Arctic fishery begun last year may be of direct interest only to the Eskimo population. The general information, including soundings taken in the course of their studies, will help to remove the reproach that Canada does not provide adequate navigational information about its Arctic coastal waters.

Complaint has been received about unnecessary horn blowing throughout the city, especially in what should be sleeping time, viz., between 11 P.M. and 3 A.M.

The future looks good for frozen foods, says the National Industrial Conference Board, Washington. Pre-war, frozen fruit and vegetable consumption was only 1.2 pounds per person and other frozen food consumption was measured in ounces.

Magna Carta signed this date 1215. The Great Charter granted by King John at Runnymede, the principal provisions of which were: all accused persons to be tried by their equals; no taxes to be imposed without consent of Parliament; no imprisonment without lawful trial, and no delay or sale of justice.

When Mr. R. L. MacLean (Highbank, P. E. I.) opens his copy of the June issue of Popular Mechanics Magazine, he'll find that he's now a magazine writer. Some time ago, MacLean sent an idea to the editors of Popular Mechanics that he thought other people might find interesting and useful.

The Poet's Corner

FARM-WIFE

Before the flaming of the dawn she's up to put the coffee on. To get the table, to take the bread. To open the door of the chicken shed.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the committee of the House appointed jointly with a committee of His Majesty's Council to rent for a period of not less than 3 years a suitable residence for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, reported that the said joint committee had taken a lease from Col. Holland of a house in Charlotte-Town, for 3 years, at the rent of £150 per annum, which was deemed the best that could be had for the purpose.

Notes From Another Island

By "Anson"

LONDON, England.—News Theatres are a feature of London's entertainment so obvious that they might easily be overlooked by anyone but a News Theatre fan.

For many of Greater London's millions of people, a visit to the cinema is a part of their life. Most of the big picture houses of the Leicester-Square area specialise in the latest films, new releases full of big names and ballyhoo, and if you haven't enough patience to wait until they get around to your local cinema, well, you are expected to pay for your impatience.

But scattered here and there among the glittering West End edifices, all neon lights and commissionaires, is a News Theatre where, for about twenty-five cents, you can enjoy a programme composed entirely—except for about ten minutes of the latest news—of comic cartoons. You don't go in if you are looking for anything intellectual, or if you are looking for any kind of uplift except that which comes from laughter, or if you are looking for any kind of humour except good, honest slapstick. And you'd never believe this odd assortment of folk who do go in. You may sit next to a fashionable lady with her small children,



U. K. Dutch Bacon Contract

The following is the text of the statement about the United Kingdom-Netherlands Bacon Contract issued in London on June 2nd: "The Ministry of Food has agreed a contract with the Netherlands Government under which the Netherlands will supply bacon to the United Kingdom during the four years 1949-1952. The quantities to be delivered will be not less than 10,000 tons for the year 1949, 1950 not less than 25,000 tons and for 1951 not less than 35,000 tons. The actual quantities are likely to be substantially larger, target figures of 40,000 tons for 1950 and 60,000 tons for 1951 having been agreed—quantities the Ministry of Food has undertaken to accept if they are offered. The two Governments will discuss in 1950 the quantities to be fixed for 1952. In any case it is agreed now that the Ministry of Food will take not less than 45,000 tons in that year and the Netherlands Government has indicated that the Netherlands may be able to supply as much as 80,000 tons."

This stunt was similar to that of another News Theatre recently, which put on a couple of old-time melodramas of the silent era, complete even to the detail of a pianist to provide atmosphere. It seemed there was only one thing missing—the sound effect of the front rows throwing orange peel and apple cores at the pianist in the middle of a tender "Heavenly and Flowery" passage. Perhaps there would have been even that, if it were not that oranges and apples are not so plentiful—or cheap—as they were in the days of the silent screen.

Londoners who didn't escape to the open country during the Whit-Sun holiday found that the country came to them in one respect, as Hyde Park, in the heart of the metropolis, heard the sound of bleating sheep and barking dogs. Champion sheep dogs from all over the country came to town to show their training and intelligence. They have a skill that is almost uncanny when it comes to rounding up wayward sheep and putting them into pens with as much gentle firmness and tender care as any nursemaid.

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Notes By The Way

An Arizona man has suggested to the mayor of Regina that warm air could be piped to Saskatchewan from the South.

The visiting teacher from the country town was giving her first demonstration lesson to a class of nine-year-olds in an upland farm area. She had chosen as her subject "Wool" and started off by showing a large colored picture of a sheep.

Reluctance to accept new ideas is not so apparent as it was. There is still a lot of room for improvement in regular farming practices. The present seems a more than usually opportune time for a wide scale demonstration of those advanced farming methods that seem revolutionary today, and which may be commonplace in two or three years.

In 1949 the 455 organizations embraced by the Greater New York Fund will spend \$170,000,000 for this amount, \$80,000,000 of which is earned by the agencies themselves in the form of membership dues, clinic fees and payments for service. About \$45,000,000 will come from endowment income and payments from the public.

The woman responsible for starting the Village Institute movement in Britain is to have a memorial of an avenue of 300 lime trees. She was Mrs. Alfred Watt, a Canadian, who died at Montreal last November, aged over 80.

Whereas a week ago things looked bleak for the Western Prairie wheat belt, with a lot of people talking about the return of the dustbowl of the thirties, rain and snowfall from May 17 to May 22 of the southern prairie, while violent weather through the U. S. and Mid-West and Mountain States gave an indication that this is not going to be a drought year.

Mr. Forrestal had the grim jaw the tense self-discipline, the fighter; but he was a fighter for not himself. He was doing the best of his great capacity for an extraordinarily difficult job of reorganization, administrative planning, the reconciliation of violent opposites; he was doing it with inadequate powers and inadequate public understanding and support.

It is almost impossible to view the beautiful green expanse around the Manitoba Legislative building, this Spring without experiencing thoughts of thankfulness over the memory of this city extends its back five years and more can recall the great plague of dandelions that fastened itself upon the Legislative grounds either the treatment which the Legislature groundsmen, but every thing they did seemed merely to stimulate the growth of more, until finally the harassed provincial officials, from the Premier down, were just about ready to plow up the whole yellow mess and turn the grounds into a potato patch.

though large, represent only part of the United Kingdom's total requirements and will not mean any reduction in the supplies which the United Kingdom would like to obtain from other bacon exporting countries. In the case of Canada, however, the level of United Kingdom purchases must continue to depend on the availability of dollars.

The contract with the Netherlands will benefit not only the United Kingdom but also the obtaining much needed supplies of bacon but will also be of considerable assistance to the Dutch economy, which suffered severely as a result of the last war.

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