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

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The Government Indicted

The average income of the Maritimer is lower than in most sections, and the prices of many things we must buy are higher.

"As small producers (except in the case of a few items) we generally have to absorb transportation costs on commodities we ship west.

"From the standpoint of population growth, the three eastern provinces have not kept pace with the other six partners in Confederation.

"From the time of Confederation the policy of all Federal governments seems to have been directed at speeding the centralization of manufacturing in Ontario and Quebec.

"In the Second World War, when Ottawa was spending such huge sums on new industrial capacity, historic wrongs might have been righted by placing in the Maritime Provinces plants which could have been converted to civilian production after victory.

This applies particularly to Prince Edward Island. According to Premier Jones in 1943, this Province, on a population basis, should have received \$72,000,000 in war expenditures.

The U. S. Cattle Market

At their recent annual convention at Brockville, Ont., the Canadian Federation of Agriculture passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Agriculture has consistently taken the stand that the U. S. A. is the natural and logical market for Canadian live cattle;

Therefore be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture continue its efforts to bring about restoration of the export of cattle to the U. S., and that we ask the Dominion Government immediately to set up machinery to export a limited number of cattle so as to maintain the U. S. market which is required by Canadian cattle producers under normal conditions.

In connection with the above resolution it is interesting to note Agriculture Minister Gardiner's reply when asked at the convention whether the Government believed that the "logical long-term market" for Canadian surplus food products, with the possible exception of beef, rested in the sterling area and particularly in the British Isles.

For the time being, Mr. Gardiner said, the Government had decided against this policy. He insisted, however, that this decision was based not on considerations of marketing policy in agriculture, but upon the general needs of price control.

Mr. Gardiner also denied that Canada would be able to earn U. S. dollars if the Canadian embargo on cattle shipments to the United States was removed.

anticipating. Finally, Mr. Gardiner argued, without passing the point, that a case might be made for staying out of the American market at present, even if it were not for price control.

The Minister's arguments do not seem to have impressed the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, as is evidenced from the above-quoted resolution.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Friday the Thirteenth!

A lady in Bagdad, New Brunswick, killed a wildcat with a fork. Must have fancied she was in Mesopotamia.

Over the question of margarine the Federal Government seems to be hesitating between pleasing the cities and sacrificing the country.

Scientists are discovering that they can do many things with the aid of very high pitched sound. This is probably a rediscovery of what they learned as infants.

Changing steam for diesel locomotives may not seem a very complicated switch but many factors are involved. For instance new coaches must be provided which produce their own heat as well as light and compressed air.

If Canada takes the lead in international affairs, says The Letter Review, not in noisy public statements, but in quiet efforts, there will be time to arrange an open and unshamed alliance of the English-speaking nations, which other free peoples should be welcome to join.

Britain is accelerating the repatriation of German prisoners of war. All except those who choose to remain will have left by the end of July, according to an announcement by the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Shinwell, when Parliament reassembled January 20th.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King deplores the existence of three opposition parties all with different points of view. It must be exasperating to him to adopt opposition policies as his own only to find that still other moves are being strongly advocated in the House.

A yet undeveloped market for furs is the army. Fur clothing is unsurpassed for wear in Arctic conditions and with the development of suitable types of fur and style of clothing fur farmers will find it becoming big business.

Probably the brightest news in world reconstruction comes from the New York Times which reports the development of the use of oxygen in steelmaking which will increase the production of plants by 25 per cent. Its use is made possible by reduction in the cost of oxygen which is expected to sell soon for as low as \$3 a ton.

The gentleman from the Island who has been distinguishing himself in Saint John, Halifax and Truro, in burglary operations, is the boy who was convicted here of stealing bicycles and throwing them over the wharf—pure devilment. In the same spirit he stole a \$1,800 bracelet in Halifax and gave it to a gypsy. He should undergo a mental examination.

Dr. W. P. Percival, national president of the Canadian Home and School Association, declares that Canada should be "scoured for the 80,000 most potentially competent teachers that are needed to fill the schools of the Dominion."

Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Pereford, French statesman, born this date 1754; in 1791 accepted a mission to England, the failure of which brought him under Robespierre's suspicion and he was proscribed the following year; he then visited America before the fall of the "Incorruptible" permitted him to return to France in 1795; became Foreign Secretary under the Directory in 1797; broke with Napoleon in 1807, and dictated Napoleon's deposition to the Senate and brought back Louis XVIII whose Prime Minister he became; supported Louis Philippe in 1830; as a man Talleyrand was always ready to sacrifice principle to expediency, but nevertheless was considered a patriotic and able diplomatist.

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Notes By The Way

A perfume expert wants to bottle the "smell of Canada." Which smell—that which surrounds the whey vats of cheese factories on a hot Summer's day or that, laden with stale grease, which pervades some of our restaurants?—Brockville Recorder and Times.

It is to be hoped that the monkeyshines at the tunnel which have created serious traffic congestion on Windsor streets, irritated hundreds of our American friends and made scores of Canadians resentful, will soon be ended. It is doubtful if the tunnel company will solve the problem.

A great many Canadians are making pretty sour remarks about the trend in the American car market. Streets get more and more clogged with traffic, yet cars get longer and wilder. The awful jams in traffic and parking stations constantly takes a higher toll of scratched and bashed fenders, yet fenders and bodies constantly become more vulnerable and enormously more expensive to repair.

There are many claims to be the oldest inn in England, but any would have to include the Golden Cross at Oxford. There was an inn known as Mangershall on this site in the 13th century.

The country districts principally suffer through the shortages of qualified teachers and qualified ministers. There has never been any lack of candidates for urban pulpits because these are usually accompanied by higher rates of pay.

Back in 1926 it began to look as if the beaver would be seen no more in his habitat in Northern Manitoba. The conservation measures then adopted have had the desired result. In the swamp lands around The Pas and along the Hudson Bay Railway the beaver has staged a remarkable comeback.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

INDIANS & LENNOX ISLAND

Sir.—In my recent letter regarding the Indians of Lennox Island, I forgot to mention the difficulty of getting to and from the Island when the ice is breaking up in the spring and making in the early part of the winter.

On December 26, 1946, I was called to the Island to see a sick child. They asked me if I would sit on a hand sleigh and two men would haul me over. The ice would not carry a horse. I sat on a packing box, wrapped my legs as best I could, and rode across.

Mr. Justice Arsenault is a fine Christian gentleman and means well, but his plan will not only continue to keep the Indian ward of the Government, but will also keep him dependent on the Government for most of his needs in life, deprived of the franchise, and with nothing to say in his own business or that of his native country.

I am very much afraid that unless the Lord tempers the cold northwest winds and the spray-laden storms, the young ash trees, planted recently to supply material for axe handles and baskets in the dim and distant future, will have great difficulty surviving the rigors of the winter on Lennox Island.

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Lenten Meditations

(From The Times) GOD THE JUDGE Judgment, regarded as manifest in the lives of men and nations, is the constant and varied theme of the Bible. It is implied in belief in God who has any purpose for man, and therefore in that kingdom or reign of God which is the central subject of Christ's teaching.

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The Poets Corner

WINTER SONG The days are like an empty house, In eak or cupboard is no crumb To satisfy an orphan soul. No spider spins upon her loom.

No coral ribbons catch the eye, No merry masks come now to Nor in the night go riding by Forgotten figures of romance.

Gay Summer with her birds is gone, The fiddle and the clock are sold; Winter, a gray and wrinkled orone, Is hunting faggots in the cold.

—Boulah Mary in Kaleidograph.

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