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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink"

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Farmers' Meetings

The annual meeting of the Prince Edward Dairymen's Association, which opens the Farmers' Week meetings today, will be followed tomorrow by the annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture, and on Thursday by an organizational meeting of the King's County Federation, followed by a Provincial Federation directors' meeting.

These meetings are evidences of the important place which agriculture occupies in our Island economy, as well as the increasing emphasis which is being placed on scientific methods in farm management and production. The academic and practical phases of the industry are now regarded as inseparable, and no farm producer can neglect one at the expense of the other and keep abreast of the times.

Canada At Colombo

The conference at Colombo, where the newest Asian member of the Commonwealth will be host to the foreign ministers of seven other members, is evidently of far greater significance to Canada than most Canadians have realized, says the Ottawa Citizen. It may mark an extension of our foreign policy, with Canada being drawn inevitably as a growing power and a senior member of the Commonwealth into the problems of an area in which our interest has been detached or negative in the past.

In the background of the Colombo conference lies a landscape of change, where forces of race conflicts, of nationalisms, and of economic readjustment are creating a new balance of politics. An era of colonialism has ended in Asia, and a new era of self-determination has begun. The future of the world may depend on the stability of Asia, for the conflicts of world politics are focusing upon that continent.

Minority Provincial Rights

A highly interesting analysis of the problems facing the Dominion-Provincial Conference on constitutional changes at Ottawa this week appears in the current issue of the Financial Post. Its author is Professor Donald C. Rowat, of the Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia, and a specialist on the subject. Professor Rowat does not hold with the "compact" theory of Confederation, but he distinguishes very clearly between the different kinds of amendments to the B. N. A. Act which the conference may be called upon to consider. These he divides into three different types.

One deals with the organization and structure of the Provincial Governments; another sets up the machinery of government at the Federal level, and a third divides the power of government between the Central and Provincial bodies and deals with matters of direct concern to both levels.

"As to the first of these," Professor Rowat says, "there has been no difficulty; from the very beginning the Provinces were given the power to amend their own constitutions (in Section 92 of the Act) and have used this power many times. The second, however, presents more problems. No doubt many aspects of governmental machinery at the Federal level are of purely Federal concern and in the interests of flexibility should be made alterable by the Federal Parliament acting alone. On the other hand, other important aspects of the machinery reflect the fundamentally Federal

nature of Canadian government in its protection of the interests and rights of minority Provinces and regions. Such things are the representations of regions in the Senate and the special provisions protecting Prince Edward Island's representation in the House of Commons. If the Federal nature of our governmental system is to be preserved, the argument that these interests would be equally well protected by the representations of the regions in the Federal House of Commons does not hold water, because of the predominance of members from Ontario and Quebec."

Here we have the problem in a nutshell, and the reason why we should insist that no changes affecting minority rights of any kind should be made without consent of the Province concerned.

Automobile License Plates

The appearance on the streets of cars bearing 1950 license plates has a certain charm and there is always interest in the new colour scheme selected. That is probably the sum total of the advantages of annually replaceable plates. The cost of buying these markers every year is not insignificant but even greater is the loss in positive identification of motor vehicles, because of easily replaceable plates. If permanent markers were used they could be securely fixed to the vehicle, and it would be easy to distribute records showing ownership, engine and chassis serial numbers and description to the great advantage of prospective buyers of used cars, and confusion of car thieves and dealers in stolen cars, or cars which are subject to vendor's or other liens.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Now for the January thaw with the prospect of dry walking on March 17.

The League of Nations founded this date 1920. Its successor, the United Nations, is now the greatest world power, directing all nations except Russia and its Soviets.

Welcome to the Dairymen's Association in annual meeting here today. The next two days will see organized farmers taking stock of the past year and selecting their officers for the present one.

The Army has taken pains to select training areas to approximate Arctic conditions, but since Sunday it seems obvious that their choice could have fallen almost anywhere in this country.

The Province of Ontario has decided it needs a population census by age to anticipate need of schools and old-age pensions. Most prudently, however, it is leaving the obtaining of that information to civic assessors.

Sweden's decision to free from restrictions 60 per cent of all imports from sterling and Marshall-plan countries will not directly benefit this country, but the resulting trade should better enable those countries to buy from this side of the Atlantic.

The recent case of a Montrealer who "confessed" to two non-existent murders is not surprising to those familiar with the investigation of crime. In murder cases a confession can only be regarded as evidence and not the best evidence of probable guilt.

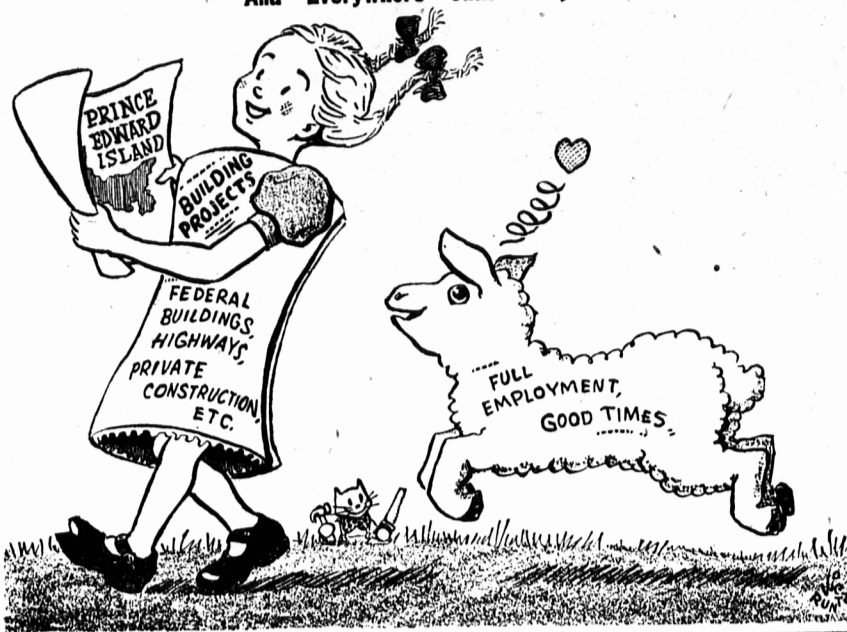
Without street cars or inter-city bus routes Charlottetown is highly dependent on the efficiency of taxi operation, and gets outstanding service from the operators. This is notably so in bad weather when conditions are worst for the taximan, and their services most in demand.

Warships of world fleets are now being specially designed for specific roles in countering potential enemy types, says the latest issue of "Janes Fighting Ships." In the next few years, it predicts, the world will see revolutionary new fleets with atomic bomb carriers, guided missile control ships, anti-submarine cruisers, rocket-firing destroyers, and ships driven by gas turbine.

More than 8,000 pressure cookers were shipped to Montreal in the Empress of Canada. Three thousand more are on order for early winter delivery in Canada. Some hundreds of thousands of kitchen tools, including sets of appliances, special cutlery and can-openers have been shipped to Canada since early October.

Warm congratulations are due Mr. Leo McIsaac, the capable secretary of the P. E. I. Federation of Agriculture, on being awarded the all-Canadian scholarship for study at the International Co-operative College at Loughborough, England. It is to be hoped Mr. McIsaac will see his way clear to take advantage of this opportunity, which is the result of a recommendation from the Canadian Association for Adult Education and should prove of great value.

"And Everywhere That Mary GOES—"



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.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT URGENT

Sir, — In your issue of Jan. 3rd appeared a letter signed Donald Baker, address not given, but presumably from some part of Northern Queens County, in reference to road paving. In his opinion we are not in need of a Trans-Canada highway, and he suggests rather that the already paved roads be put in repair and thus solve all difficulties. I would like to congratulate Mr. Baker on having a paved highway to repair. If he lived in Southern Queens he would certainly find himself without that difficulty, as we find ourselves almost entirely isolated as far as good roads go, whether paved or otherwise.

Here are large enterprising communities such as Victoria, Crapaud, Kelly's Cross, Hampton, Desable, Argyle Shore, Bonshaw, New Haven and other adjoining districts with no decent service whatever. The bus which has been operating for the past years, via Bonshaw, stopped running in the middle of November as the road was unfit to travel on.

Some years ago as a pre-election promise, we were guaranteed a railroad to pass through this section, and on the strength of this promise quite a few life long Liberals changed their politics, and what did they get? — a paved highway on the north side where they already had a railway, said road crossing the railway in quite a few places. Later, under the present administration, our road on this side was widened, straightened and supposedly prepared for paving. That was three years ago and nothing further accomplished, and the road, now in a sad state of deterioration and in most places impassable. Bus drivers refuse to travel at all, while even taxi drivers from Charlottetown are unwilling to come out when they find the destination to be any of the above mentioned places.

We are situated ten and twelve miles from a railway station, Bradalbane and Wiltshire being equal distances, and some districts are even more remote. It is useless to think of reaching these stations at some seasons. In dire emergencies we can always rely on Paul's Flying Service, we presume, and that at least is a consolation.

One can travel from Tignish to Elmira by paved road, but in our localities we are surely victims of discrimination. Last spring people found it almost impossible to reach Charlottetown, and those who did and were owners of good cars, after being hauled out of muck holes by Government tractors or otherwise, found themselves or the cars rather much the worse for the abuse they came through.

Here, during the recent holidays when students and other workers from the City were home, they found their pleasures greatly marred by worries over how they were going to get back again. The mail courier coming from Charlottetown to Hampton solved part of the difficulty for which they are duly grateful, and also to some truck owners who were kind enough to help out.

Even our mail service is handicapped as it must come via this abominable road and at many times we find ourselves stranded even for mail.

Just why something cannot soon be done to remedy our problem is hard to understand. Why should such a large section of tax payers be treated so unfairly? We hear rumors each winter that the road is to be paved "next summer" but nothing takes place. The road in question is by far the shortest and most convenient to Borden and other points and I would suggest that petitions be drawn up (assuredly there would be no lack of signatures), and placed before the House when it meets at next assembly.

I am, Sir, etc., ON BEHALF OF JUSTICE Crapaud, P. E. I.

EGYPTIAN ASSASSINATION

Dr. Ahmed Maher Pasha, Prime Minister of Egypt, was assassinated in February, 1942, by a young lawyer of the nationalistic Young Egypt Society.

At Governor's Levee

(Ottawa Journal)

The ordinary Canadian taxpayer who is not an official or Ver-Important Person stands far back in the line-up when Canadian citizens pay their respects to their Governor General on New Year's Day.

At His Excellency's New Year's levee on Monday, several hundred Canadians and others were in the "Special Entree" group which filed ahead of the man-in-the-street to exchange greetings with the King's Representative.

Authorities explained today that the Table of Precedence for Canada was used "as a guide" in lining up the visitors and "sorting out the sheep from the goats." The Table of Precedence which is headed, of course by the Governor General runs as follows:

- 1. The Prime Minister.
2. Cabinet Ministers according to seniority.
3. By courtesy, Ambassadors, Ministers, Consul Generals in Ottawa together with members of their staffs.
4. Lieut-Governors of the provinces.
5. Archbishops and Bishops and heads of the Presbyterian, United and Baptist churches.
6. The Chief Justice of Canada.
7. Former Prime Ministers.
8. Privy Counsellors.
9. Speakers of Senate and Commons.
10. Premiers of the P.C.I. es.
11. Chief Justices of the Provinces.
12. Supreme Court Judges and Justices of the Exchequer Court.
13. Senators.
14. Puisne Judges.
15. Members of the House of Commons.
16. Chiefs of Staff, National Defence Department.
17. Officers and members of provincial legislatures.
18. Deputy Ministers and high government officials.
19. Members of the Armed Services.

Only after those in the foregoing categories have lined up can John Q. Public hope to meet His Excellency.

However, protocol authorities explain, it isn't quite as bad as it looks. In the special entree group at the 1950 New Year's Levee there were only about 50 or 60 in the special group in the table of precedence. However, since members of the staffs of Embassies and Legations accompany their chief, there were several hundred who enjoyed special privilege in the line-up. What with diplomats and members of the Services, it is estimated that Mr. Private's Citizen of Ottawa came about 700th in the New Year's lineup.

This however is but an estimate. The person of no official status may have had to wait until 800 or 850 VIP's went on ahead.

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The Poet's Corner

LUCIFER IN STARLIGHT

On a star'd night Prince Lucifer arose. Tired of his dark dominion swung the fiend Above the rolling ball in cloud part screen'd. Where sinners hugged their spectre of repose. Poor prey to his hot fit of pride were those. And now upon his western wing he leand. Now his huge bulk o'er Africa's sands carend. Now the black planet shadow'd Arctic snows. Soaring through wider zones that prick'd his scars With memory of the old revolt from Awe. He reached a middle height, and at the stars, Which are the brain of heaven, he look'd and saw the arctic track march'd rank on rank. The army of unalterable law. —George Meredith.

The Age-Old Story

And I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the Lord; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God; for they shall return unto Me with their whole heart.

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Notes By The Way

Saskatchewan's famous — and unusual — educational institution has been remembered in the will of the famous author, Rex Beach. Back in 1936 Mr. Beach spent a week at the Notre Dame College gathering material for a magazine feature. With most educational institutions, he would have written his article and that would have been that. But not so with Saskatchewan's Notre Dame. The college that boasts the most unique collection of obsolete coolie cars and shacks in the world, and feeds and educates its students for \$30 a month, whether they can pay it or not, is not easily forgotten. Mr. Beach became its benefactor; he left it \$12,000 to help in its good work. The countless friends of Father Athol Murray's college will rejoice at its good fortune.—Saskatoon Star-Phoenix

The holy horror that has been raised about crime comics in this country, and which has led to a ban on them, encouraged us to spend other day to investigate magazine counters of corner shops, to peek at those crime comics, and any-

thing else that happened to meet our eye. Lots did, and we wonder that our grave parliamentarians have not been breaking into cold sweats or hot blushes about some of the cheap photo magazines. Those body-builder magazines, for instance, full of posturing males displaying the noble body beautiful, and a teenage magazine or two featuring the supple female. Quite enchanting pictures, for those who like them. We are not suggesting that Parliament should ban them; we merely wonder if the MPs have never got beyond the crime shelf. — Peterborough Examiner.

One method of water economy possible for American cities is in use in some of them, and should be seriously considered by others. This is a dual water system in which one set of mains distributes potable water to homes, offices and wherever else water for drinking or cooking is required, while another set of mains supplies fire hydrants and industrial uses where expensive purification for human consumption is not necessary.—Christian Science Monitor.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

SNOWED UNDER

"On Tuesday evening last a snow storm commenced, and continued throughout the night, and the whole of Wednesday. On Thursday morning it was almost an impossibility to get through the streets for the immense banks of snow, some of which were from six to ten feet deep. Thanks be to the Tandem Club, and some others who turned out with their sleighs, the streets about Town were pretty well beaten now. We fear the roads throughout the country must be in a very bad state; few strangers have been seen about town for the last five days." —The Islander, January 25, 1845.

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