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

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The Oleomargarine Ban

There is no question but that the Dominion Government will be able to continue to exclude oleomargarine from Canada if it so desires.

"I thank the hon. member for suggesting that the answer should be yes or no. To the first part of the question the answer is no; to the second part, the answer is also no.

"Importation of oleomargarine cannot be permitted unless Parliament sees fit to repeal or amend section 5 of the Dairy Industry Act.

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From Farm To Consumer

Farmers in the Old Country are up against the same difficulties as our own, only more intense due to the austerity, and the provision of bodies of autocrats and bureaucrats to come between the producer and the consumer.

Lord Lucas was made chairman, and the committee recently made its report, the gist of which follows, and is not inappropriate to conditions here:

There is no doubt that the farmer looks upon the commodity commission as a business monopoly. "Members of Government commissions will be, in fact, the business executives of the taxpayer," it says.

It might, therefore, be desirable to make available for their use . . . the extensive trading and regulatory powers available to producer boards under the existing Agricultural Marketing Acts.

But the powers of the Government commodity commissions do not stop here. Turning to horticulture (an outstanding example of the need for rationalization of marketing and distribution), the commission itself "would maintain a central market nerve centre which would be in continual telephonic communication both with the local producer and with the main markets."

The Report is right when it says that horticultural marketing can only be done efficiently if there is local planning of production and national knowledge of markets. But it does not need statutory boards and commissions to do this.

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Food marketing and distribution is after all not such a complex matter. Our habits of living together in large cities far from our source

of supply have created the problem, and at the same time have created a variety of people whose original object was to speed up the flow of food from country to town.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Are we to be in for a renewal of Heresy Hunts in these enlightened days? Judging by the actions of the Lockwoods and Lawsons and their supporters in Nova Scotia that is what it looks like.

The annual brief of the Trades and Labour Congress on proposed legislation is one of the healthiest aspects of our public life.

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Barring imported fruit and vegetables may be saving foreign exchange but it is probably also the chief cause of the shortage of refrigerator cars here.

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Maintaining high production is still the fundamental economic problem of government. Difficulties in particular industries are met as rapidly as is possible with the magnitude of the problems but the great danger is that the individual producer will go in for retrenchment during the temporary difficulties.

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In answer to the inquiry how to draw more tourists to Canada—what major projects public or private are desirable? Mr. V. A. Ainsworth, Division Superintendent of the Maritime Electric Co. is quoted by the Financial Post as saying: "Provincially we need several large cottage groups, attractively designed and landscaped, strategically planned and located, to take advantage of the natural layout for appropriate recreational pursuits.

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Notes By The Way

A hick town is a place where a neighbor parks his car across the front of his driveway, and you keep still because you can't offend him. — London Free Press.

Few mountains of the Canadian Rockies leave so fixed and treasure a memory as Mount Eisenhower. Even if the visitor had never known its original name, Castle Mountain, it would have suggested itself to him immediately.

British educational and scientific experts are wondering what the future of Carol Gallacher, a seven-year-old Glasgow girl will be. Her father is an engineer who has travelled much abroad and has always taken his wife and Carol along with him.

Frank Huntley took the wheel of the ship, the Nevada, and sailed up the English Channel a few days ago, and next day, his 78th birthday, he went into Southampton hospital with what his fellow members of the crew said was a broken heart.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

THE SINKING FUND

Sir, — In yesterday's Guardian Mr. "Anonymous" in answer to my statement that "money expended on the sinking fund is not an expense or payment on ordinary expenditure" merely contradicts the statement without giving any reason therefor.

He appears to think that the Provincial accounting is not carried out on the double entry system. This is not so. Every financial transaction gives rise to equal debit and credit and that system is much used in the public accounts.

Net Funded Debt \$8,878,815.73 If the money that created the Sinking Fund had been applied to reduce the debt, you see what the debt would be.

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Lenten Meditations

Kindness, it has been said, is a much overrated virtue. Few in this generation, which has supposed full of tales of cruelty, would care to agree with this; there is no too much kindness in the world. But true kindness must include the giving of one's time and thought and friendship, the gift of oneself.

The sentimentality which is content to confine personal relations to the giving of things is in danger of degrading him that gives as well as him that takes. Only when friendship is without reserve, willing to take trouble for those whose only claim is their need, does it maintain the authentic human level, not to mention the supernatural, divine reality which the Bible calls "charity."

God makes His sun rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and unjust. Jesus interpreted that as a mark of the divine perfection, of God's kindness to the unthankful and the evil. The apparent impartiality of nature, God's indiscriminating benevolence, does not mean that He is careless of right and wrong.

Obedience, indeed, may be coerced, but not loyalty and the sharing of common purpose. And yet it is precisely because God is love, and that His word and His method in it are what they are, that some men of reason and good will remain unconvinced that there is a God.

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THE INCOME PROTECTOR A VITAL LINK IN THE CHAIN OF PROTECTION Two important links in the vital chain of income protection are life insurance and pension plans, for they provide protection against premature death and old age.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.) OLD LOG SCHOOLHOUSE "I am not a very old man and yet I can remember the log schoolhouse that dotted many a hill by the roadside. It was indeed an old-fashioned building, having little regard for the health or convenience of either master or pupils.

The Poets Corner MAKING THE SPRING Before the fire, before the bread, The drinking water comes afloat Of all the bedrock things which keep The farmstead well, from sleep to sleep.

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COAL PRODUCTION DOWN OTTAWA, March 5—(CP)—Canadian coal production in 1947 totalled 15,880,500 tons, a decline of 11 per cent from the 17,811,700 tons produced in the preceding year.

N.Z. MUST CUT IMPORTS AUCKLAND, N.Z.—(CP)—Industries and Commerce Minister Nordmeyer told a meeting of manufacturers here that if New Zealand were to live within her means she could not continue to import at last year's level.

DANISH INDUSTRY About 1,294,800 people in Denmark make their living in crafts and industries.