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## NATIONAL FISH DAY

February 9th has been agreed upon as National Fish Day for Canada this year and it is expected that the day, either on this or some other date will become an annual institution. A movement is on foot to have a similar observance in the United States also.

The intention is two fold, first to encourage the fisheries second, for economic reasons. A third might well be added, namely for hygienic reasons for fish is one of the most wholesome of foods.

The fisheries of Canada are the greatest of any one nation in the world; millions of dollars worth are taken out of the sea every year; hundreds of thousands of men and women are employed in the harvesting of this immense crop that grows yearly without the expense of sowing. In our own little province, a mere corner of the great fish fields of Canada, we gather yearly a crop from the sea valued at \$1,645,939; we have invested in the business a capital of \$912,000 and give employment to over 4,000 men and women.

The success of this business, like that of all others depends upon the patronage it receives and there is every reason why we should encourage and develop that patronage.

As an article of food, fish stands very near the top of the list. The percentage of protein, the most important food element, is in at least some cases, higher than in meats. For example, the average percentage of protein in beef, veal and mutton is 14.5; in codfish 17; in boneless cod, 26.3; in pollock, 15.4 so that for real food value fish of almost any of the varieties available here compare more than favorably with meats which so many of us regard as indispensable.

For a country in which fish of all kinds are available, Canada uses entirely too little fish. The average consumption of fish in Canada is approximately nineteen pounds per head per year; in Great Britain the average consumption is 58 pounds. Consumption of fish is increasing very slowly and the hope is that by a little more publicity and a little more necessary enlightenment on the value of fish as a food and the desirability of encouraging its consumption, the fisheries may be made much more valuable than they are at present and the whole country benefited.

It is therefore fitting that the Fish Day February 9th will be duly observed and that, not on Fish Day alone but as a regular article of diet for its own sake fish will be used more generally on our tables.

## OUR WINTER HORSE RACES

Charlottetown horsemen are to be complimented on the auspicious opening on Saturday of their winter racing. Nothing that the province has done in the way of advertising has done more at least to boost Prince Edward Island horses than the winter races of the past year or two. The advantage is not confined to owners of fast horses alone; it is shared in by every horse owner as there is invariably present at these events a very large number of excellent drivers and good looking horses, all of which leave the impression upon the visitor that good horses are abundant here. And the impression is absolutely true. There are more good looking and fast horses in this province than in any other place of equal size in Canada. Getting a number of these together at a race-meeting is probably the most effective form of advertising our horse business that could be adopted.

An afternoon's racing affords a pleasant outing for citizens generally and it is gratifying to note that so many take advantage of the occasion for an airing. It is clean sport for horse owners and for spectators and the city could do much worse than go out on the bay on a beautiful afternoon like last Saturday and enjoy itself.

The larger the attendance at these races the more free advertising our province will receive and it is publicity that counts. Many strangers in the past have made it a point to wait over a day and sometimes more just to see the races.

Our horsemen may be depended upon to make the best possible arrangement for future meets, but we would suggest that a meet or two be arranged for during Farmer's Week. The farmers, it is true, will have other business to attend to but if time can be afforded many of them would no doubt enjoy such an outing and such an exhibition as our racing fraternity can put up. Necessary publicity beforehand and a fine day will always raise a big crowd, lots of enthusiasm and a free advertisement for Island horses.

## THE CRY OF A DEMAGOGUE

"I stand for protection," exclaims the MacKenzie King candidate in West Peterboro, and he adds: "I stand for protection for the many from the greed of the few."

Thus Mr. Gordon, who appears to be an apt pupil of his leader tries to get a foot on both ends of Mr. King's fiscal platform. The first part of his declaration is for protectionists; the second part for Free Traders.

It is precisely this type of pussyfooting and demagoguery that the electors of Peterboro, and indeed of the entire country, should penalize. The man who comes out squarely for Free Trade impeaches his intellect, but has at least the merit of honesty. But the man who like Gordon of Peterboro, tries by meaning catch-cries to curry favor with the supporters of both fiscal schools, is both cowardly and dishonest unworthy of our public life. —Ottawa Journal.

## THE PUBLIC FORUM

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

## THE HORSE SHOW

Sir,—I notice the P. E. Island Horse Breeders Association are talking of putting on another Horse Show in Charlottetown, and as one intensely interested in this laudable event I wish to suggest one or two things to the Association that I feel would tend to better the show.

Firstly—The show should be held on the day advertised and not postponed as last year because a certain horse judge from the mainland failed to get here. P. E. I. has many horse judges who can be depended upon in case the foreigner fails to turn up. Pull the show off, then, as advertised and do not disappoint hundreds of the very many people who make the show a success—by keeping them hanging around the city under unnecessary expense. That kind of thing kills.

Secondly—I feel much improvement could be made in the programme. I will call it, for calling out the various sections and classes for exhibition. An exhibitor should not be obliged to stand around the ring for hours not knowing the what moment his exhibit will be called for. Could it not be so arranged that every exhibitor would be called at least within 30 minutes of the time the section and class would be called—and that it would only be called then and not before.

Thirdly—There is a feeling among horse men often expressed that there is a class of horses much more to be desired than either the pure carriage or pure roadster, whose place would seem to come between these two. Let us call it the Carriage Roadster, combining the qualities of both—good style and good road gait. This kind of horse has not a special class in which to enter, so must be assigned to one or other and probably a little short on the fine points of the class only gets an inferior place while at the same time the horse who is looking wanted by everyone who is looking for a first class driver. This would tend to develop this special kind of horse so much deserved yet so comparatively rare to find.

What say ye horsemen?  
I am Sir, etc.

DRIVER

## A GRIEVANCE

Sir,—I do not wish to be considered a roucher, but I really think it's quite time some one made complaint about the length of our funeral services, particularly during the winter season, when so many are suffering from severe colds. I think it's simply criminal to have people start to cry weather and often stormy at that for an hour and often longer and after that drive anywhere from two to ten miles to the burying ground. Who has not noticed during the service many of the men in the front rows standing by their restlessness trying to keep them protected or afraid to leave them out they should break loose. Other huddled up in their sleighs or in barns or sheds trying to keep themselves warm.

You may ask why not go into the house? In many instances the house would not hold half those in attendance and in a crowded house many are compelled to stand. And I know that it's not conducive to a man's spirituality to have to stand on a snow bank in zero weather.

I am Sir, etc.

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### THE LIFE OF A NURSE

The world grows better year by year  
Because some nurse in her little sphere  
Keeps on her apron, grins and sings,  
And keeps on doing the same old things.  
Taking the temperatures, giving the pills,  
To remedy mankind's numberless ills.  
Feeding the baby, answering bells,  
Being polite with a heart that re-echoes.  
Longing for home and all the while  
Wearing the same old professional smile.  
Blessing the new born baby's first breath,  
Closing the eyes that are stilled in death.  
Taking the blame for the doctor's mistakes,  
Oh! dear, what a lot of patience it takes.  
Going off duty at seven o'clock,  
Tired, discouraged, just ready to drop.  
But called back on special at seven on fifteen,  
With woe in her heart that must not be seen.  
Morning and evening, noon and night,  
Just doing it over, hoping its right.  
When we lay down our caps and cross the bar,  
Lord! what thou give us each one little star.  
To wear in our crown with the uniform new  
In that city above where the Head Nurse is You.

W. L.

## CURRENT COMMENT

From the "clear blue sky" and the dazzling sunlight away to the sombre shades of dejection and political despair, from the sublime in ethical morality to ridiculous in the sophistry of argument the protagonists of the Bell aggregation, like hunted rats are dancing from corner to corner and from pillar to post, seeking refuge from the Nemesis on their track. The Patriot having been routed and its guns at least for a time silenced, a new star of hope has arisen in the person of Mr. B. W. LePage, M. L. A. who at the Social Service Congress stood with his little brother to take up the task in which the other "old women" had failed, to sweep back the tide of indignation which threatens to engulf them. Like the unfortunate woman against whose misdeeds the verdict of "wilful murder" was rendered, who in her anguish pronounced the judge, jury, sheriff and police to be all murderers, blood thirsty for the life of her boy, so Mr. LePage voices his condemnation of the victims of justice upon the Bell government.

The press, the teachers, the general public who had "sneered" and "hounded out of his life," himself and with him the government, all were included under the shadow of his maledictions; all these judges and juries were the consoling forces to murder the harmony of the Bell government and the peace of mind of its well sickened supporters. A special pleader, to ensure success must have the capacity for judging the intelligence of his jury and to what blunt will outweigh reason before applying it to his case and herein was where Mr. LePage, like the Patriot before him, seriously at fault. It was an audience of well read and thinking people who knew the record of the government like a book and upon whose minds lingered the ineffaceable impressions of duty neglected and promises made and broken. To such an audience the shouting of "stop this!" had no force as a drawing card against real offenders.

The murderer would not have been pronounced guilty if he had not committed the crime. It was not judge or jury, but his own act that sent him to execution. Nor was it the fault of the press or the public that the Bell government came under condemnation. A newspaper without right or justice behind it would be powerless in detouring a industry whose integrity of conduct and fidelity to promise entitled them to the confidence of the people. It was ever so in all the world's history and although ever ready to blame the agents of justice for their downfall it is always the criminal's own conduct that produces his conviction. It was the Bell aggregation's own perty reflected through the columns of the press and advertised by a horde of assessors and tax collectors that established their condemnation and surrounding them by the sneering and hounding of which Mr. LePage complains bitterly. "Be sure your sins will find you out" is as true today as it was two thousand years ago.

Mr. LePage is loud in depreciation of the "College staff in strike" Does our versatile friend understand the constituent elements of what is popularly known as a "strike"? Is an individual having signed an agreement for a year, or a term of years, and having completed his contract, bound by that act to stick to the job for the balance of his life or during the pleasure of his employers, under the penalty of being daubed a striker when he ceases work? If this is a strike, then these are occurring daily in every field of commerce and every employment in life. At this same meeting it was announced that there were seventy vacant schools in the province. Why is it that the College staff are singled out as strikers, and these seventy teachers who have permanently withdrawn from the schools, not included as strikers also?

## WARNING TO POTATO SHIPPERS

Sir,—I have frequently thought that P. E. I. potato dealers and shippers would feel quite contented when the railway furnishes a refrigerator car with heaters at both ends to transport potatoes during cold weather. I think it only right that I should warn all P. E. I. shippers not to ship potatoes in heated refrigerator cars unless the car has false bottom which means "an air passage along the bottom of 4 or 5 inches" to permit the hot air to travel underneath the potatoes, thus protecting them against frost from underneath. If the car has air passage on sides all the better, but do not put potatoes on floor of refrigerator car as they will surely freeze every time if the weather is at all cold.

It has made me sick to see many bags of potatoes frozen solid along the floor of an ordinary refrigerator car arriving in Montreal this winter. The Island people are entitled to much better treatment than this and they should insist upon the railway furnishing the proper transportation facilities for perishable products during winter.

The writer has seen a number of new refrigerator cars with false bottoms coming into Montreal this season and I can assure my many Island friends that the potatoes landed here in good condition, insist on hot air circulation throughout the car—hot air on the surface only protects potatoes on the top but not at the bottom or sides of the car.

Also do not pile up potatoes too much at doors of car. Allow air space there, it works out better. Cars should not contain more than 450 bags in winter.

Hoping this will be of interest,  
I am Sir, etc.

JOHN J. LOUSON,  
Montreal, Jan. 14, 1921.

P. S.—I am inclined to think a good many potatoes are touched with frost before being put in refrigerators. Some potatoes I have seen have shown that appearance. All Quebec shippers send potatoes to Montreal in winter in regular potato cars which have false sides and bottom and they always have big space in middle of car near doors.—J. J. L.

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ing with the business, and playing with the fire which may mean the destruction of our educational system. So far as they have been able to impair it, they have done so. Through the absence of common sense the province is deprived of the invaluable services of Colonel Campbell, ex-Superintendent and by the same or affiliated stupidity, seventy schools are claimed to be idle and these hundreds of scholars deprived of the advantages of education. Only by the public spirited officers of private citizens and the patience and generosity of the teaching staff, is the Prince of Wales College running today, and that with an uncertainty as to the moment when the public will be notified of its final closing. Just think of it. Eight months bungling over it AND NO SETTLEMENT YET IN SIGHT.

Important amongst the questions discussed, and strongly referred to by Miss Whitton in her excellent address, is the liquor question. The time for the annual meeting of the Temperance Alliance is not far distant and should be held in ample time before the House is in session to provide for emergencies. It has been recently announced that a second thousand dollar wholesale export license has been issued under the Bell government act of last session. This tacitly permits the importation and storage of vast quantities of liquors in almost any place in the province. This practically makes our Position Island a kind of clearing house for the traffic in the Maritime provinces and the unfriendly back door through which breaches can be made in the Prohibition laws and sentiments of our neighbors across the Straits. To what extent leakages can be guarded against, with such large quantities passing from one point to another, we do not know, but there are evidences that the consumption in the province is not abating.

As a remedy to this evil the Social Congress have recommended that the Legislature increase the license fee from \$1,000 up to \$10,000. This might palliate but not destroy the evil. It would be more effective and a lawfully prohibitive measure if the fee was placed at \$50,000. This and some other necessary amendments to the Prohibition act, which experience has demonstrated as indispensable to its successful enforcement, might well engage the attention of the House. These amendments should and we presume will be at the recommendation of the Temperance Alliance or the Prohibition Commission, or both in conjunction. The attitude of complacency of certain members of the Executive should not prevent their presentation.

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