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

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After Better Terms

Judged by what the Maritime Provinces obtained under the existing Dominion-Provincial tax agreements, the terms offered to Newfoundland as an inducement to enter Confederation would appear to have been generous.

Speaking in the Legislature last session, Premier Jones referred to the Newfoundland terms and said he was wondering whether or not Prince Edward Island, which is in somewhat the same position, could not base a claim for more subsidy on that account.

Now, however, it is reported that the Newfoundland delegation have presented financial statements to the Canadian Government showing the need for still higher provincial revenues and therefore the necessity of reopening negotiations on the financial proposals made by the Dominion last year.

No one will blame the Newfoundland delegates for getting everything they can in their negotiations with Ottawa. The Maritimes, however, have a right to insist on equal terms, and even to have these terms made retroactive.

The Iron Curtain

The Iron Curtain is a phrase commonly used to denote the invisible screen put up by the Soviet hierarchy to prevent the outside world from knowing what is going on inside the Soviet Union.

Briefly, Mr. Osborn's point is that the Iron Curtain prevents not only the people but also the rulers of the Soviet Union from forming correct opinions of what is really going on in the rest of the world.

There is, for example, a great deal of internal evidence from the records of the Atomic Energy Commission to indicate that the inflexibility of Soviet diplomacy, and its inability to reopen a matter on the basis of new facts, are results of the Soviet system which, first, allows no latitude to its delegates, and, second, prevents correct information from getting back to the Kremlin.

This has tended to emphasize the isolation of the Soviet delegation, already marked by the official distance and formality apparently required of Soviet emissaries in dealing with representatives of foreign countries.

No doubt it was in the hope of remedying this situation—of clearing the atmosphere at Moscow poisoned at its sources and fed on biased reports from the outside world—that President Truman proposed to send a "peace mission" to discuss matters personally with Marshal Stalin.

Unwelcome Statisticians

Mentioned in these columns recently was the survey, now under way, of some 200 Dominion Bureau of Statistics officials throughout the country to find out what Canadians do with their money.

"The Government has no right at all to ask people what they do with their money; this is just a bit of snooping impertinence which shows how far we have travelled toward totalitarian technique.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Lifting of Canada's ban on tomatoes from the British West Indies was none too soon. The ban saved us no U. S. dollars and threatened to put an end to Canadian trade with those islands.

The request of the City teachers to be paid on a twelve months basis rather than ten seems to be most reasonable. Teachers are employed by the year and paying them on a ten months basis serves only to create the illusion that their salary is greater than it is in fact.

The expressed opinion of the commandant of the armoured school of the United States Army that he believes armour will play a constantly greater role in any future war is a little startling in the light of developments in aircraft and airborne weapons.

Mr. King's breakdown evokes the sympathy of all but in a very real sense it is a gain to Canada. This country will now be represented at the conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers by the man who will have the responsibility of carrying out the policies he advocates in London.

The decision of a Quebec court, which has not yet come to hand, will determine whether Montreal harbour is governed by Quebec provincial law or whether that harbour, and consequently others, being Federal property is subject only to Ottawa.

Washington's interim report of the American activities committee seems unlikely to approach in popularity Ottawa's report of the Royal Commission on espionage.

Many people have found fault with the method of showing farm incomes and prices as an index based on the period 1935-1939 when the farmer was in a very bad way indeed.

It is not known as yet whether there is any foundation for the charges of irregularities in the handling of export permits under the British Board of Trade.

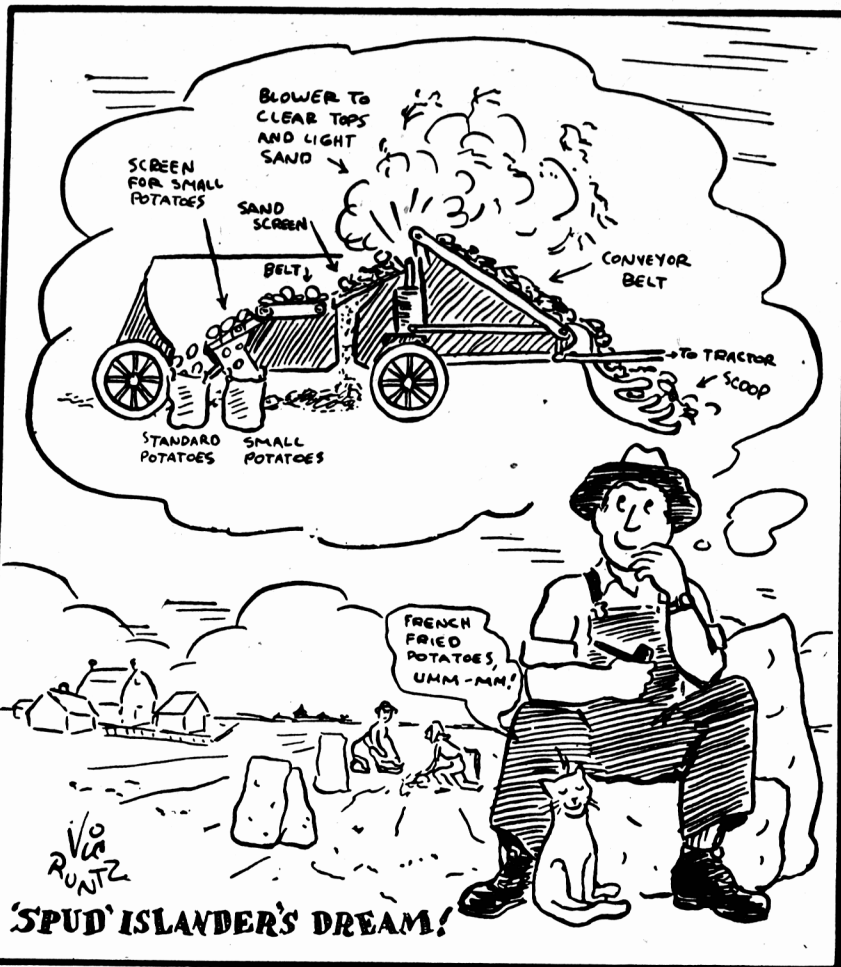
What poultry raising can accomplish. A German arrested recently in Munich told a magistrate how he keeps his family: "From five hens we get 15 eggs a week. Five we eat, 10 we trade for two packs of American cigarettes.

Antonio Canova, Venetian sculptor, died this date 1822. He is one of the most noted artists of modern times. His subjects were both classical and modern.

Britain's aircraft flying essential supplies into beleaguered Berlin have started a hospital service on their return journeys according to an announcement by the British Military Government headquarters in Berlin.

Milk is not the expensive food many claim it to be—even at today's prices according to the Department of Public Health Nutrition, School of Hygiene, University of Toronto, which has been pricing essential foods since 1939 and making a study of their relative values and costs.

Milk has increased on a percentage basis the least of all groups. Milk has been a stabilizing influence in keeping the total cost of all foods on a lower level," says the statement issued by the University.



Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

ADVICE TO MARINERS

"The north coast of the Island forms a deep bay, in which it is dangerous to be caught near the centre of the coast, with a north east wind; if it blows hard, vessels will not be able to clear the land either way, and if the gale continues must be driven on shore; ships in this situation, when they find they cannot clear the land nor keep off the shore, should attempt one of the large barred harbours, though the sea breaks on the bars, and they would most probably strike, yet the third or fourth sea will generally carry them over, when they will immediately be in smooth water in which the ship may be run ashore, if she has suffered so much as not to be able to lay at her anchors.

Too Easy Optimism

"You pay your money and you take your choice." Thus on the very day of his flight from Moscow, Vishinsky was boycotting UN's discussion of Berlin, and President Truman was summoning Secretary Marshall home to report to him, and Field Marshal Montgomery was warning against underplaying the danger of war, our Prime Minister King bobbed up in Paris with: "Despite all appearances to the contrary, I feel much happier about things than when I arrived here."

USE OLD AX

REGINA — (CP) — When the newly-surveyed settlement of Stony Rapids in northern Saskatchewan was officially opened, an ax said to be 160 years old was used to drive the final stake. It was found in the district.

The Age-Old Story
I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep, for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

Apple Butter Boiling

(Exchange)

When the crisp, mellow, glory of October came to the land Mother began preparations for the annual session of apple butter boiling in the backyard.

Over a period of years he had done a good deal of experimentation with various apple varieties. In his early farming days Father had been a set-up for any nursery salesman who came along.

It was usually about 11 o'clock when heaped cones and pails of sliced apples went into the boiled-down cider.

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The Poet's Corner

FROM: THE ASPIRING SCHOLAR

When first the college rolls receive his name,
The young enthusiast quits his ease for fame;
Restless burns the fever of renown,
Caught from the strong contagion of the gown;

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Notes By The Way

One gentleman from South Africa, in the course of a speech at an overseas meeting, said he knew in South Africa a lady from Kirkcaldy, Scotland (where linoleum is made) who, when she gets very homesick, is in the habit of lying down on the floor and sniffing the linoleum.

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