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Farmers Week

Our farmers will be meeting this week in Charlottetown for their annual meetings, and they will have serious problems to discuss. The industry has suffered in recent years in comparison with other industries.

The meetings start on Tuesday with the Sheep Breeders Association, and will continue in the afternoon with the Central Farmers Institute. At the evening session, conducted by the Federation of Agriculture, there will be a panel discussion on the poultry industry and probably another panel on cattle and beef.

Farmers' meetings are a long-standing tradition in Charlottetown, and they are always a matter of keen concern to our citizens. We trust that on this, as on other occasions, their stay will be pleasant as well as profitable, and result in a better mutual understanding of problems affecting our welfare generally.

Cotton And Arms

Strange how little incidents, seemingly unimportant at the time, can affect the course of history. A year or so ago, when conditions in the Middle East were fairly quiet, Egypt requested arms from the United States. The Americans said "yes, for cash", to which the Egyptians replied, "no, for cotton".

This fitted Soviet strategy to a nicety. It provided them with a ready-made excuse for creating military and political confusion in the Middle East and an added vehicle for the dissemination of anti-Western sentiment. The Egyptians were persuaded that their economic well-being, which rests on cotton, depends on the goodwill of the Soviet Union.

The two-fold question now is: Will this dumping of surplus cotton impress the Egyptians favourably, or will it drive them further into the Soviet sphere of influence? Secretary of State Dulles appears to be thinking in terms of the first possibility; but by what reasoning he arrived at that belief is a secret and a most mystifying one.

possibility; but by what reasoning he arrived at that belief is a secret and a most mystifying one. Almost any non-expert in international relations would bet on the second possibility.

Baffling

The more one tries to figure out official Canadian policy with respect to the troublesome Middle East situation, the more baffling it seems to be. One day the Government holds up a shipment of war material intended for Egypt or some other Arab country; the next day the restriction is removed. The only explanation the Government has given so far for allowing the latest shipment of planes to Egypt is that they had been ordered from a private firm and the Government doesn't think it "advisable" to interfere with any such private business transaction.

If judgment is to be made solely on facts which have been revealed to the Commons, then Opposition leader Drew is right in saying that "Egypt is getting more favourable treatment than Israel" from this country at the present time. When Mr. Drew made this suggestion the Prime Minister observed merely that "an export permit for the shipment of artillery shells to Israel has not yet been acted on by the Government". That was really no answer at all. All it means, if it means anything, is that Egypt's appeal for Canadian arms, in fact, has been given priority over Israel's request.

There may be reasons why the Government is, as Mr. John Diefenbaker put it, "intensifying the situation in so far as the Arab nations are concerned in relation to Israel"; but certainly they have not been given to parliament. Why not? Is it because the Government doesn't really have any Middle East policy and is content to drift aimlessly from day to day in a situation that could, and probably will, develop into war within a matter of weeks? Or is it that the cabinet sincerely believes Israel to be the sole villain and, for some reason, is hesitant about saying so?

EDITORIAL NOTES

A prominent American doctor predicts that within five years the world will have "sniffed its last snuffle" from the common cold. The great social leveller and man's most undignified complaint will be beaten by a chemical agent or a new drug. We have heard this before, but it's a hope worth cherishing.

Many of our readers will agree with Mr. C. C. Baker in denouncing the high interest rates charged by loan companies on small loans. It is a question, of course, for the Federal Parliament but the same complaint has been made in other Provinces and it is time that the matter was given a thorough investigation at Ottawa.

80 year old President Syngman Rhee of South Korea says he doesn't really want to run for re-election on account of his age. However, since he has already accepted renomination of his Liberal Party, his hesitation must be taken as a bit of political shrewdness rather than as a notice of retirement. A real old time politician is Mr. Rhee, apparently.

No new concessions have been made by the Federal Government with regard to the new tax rental agreements. It looks like a gloomy prospect financially for this Province, even if we can succeed in retaining the grants we are now receiving. What we need is about a million dollars more from Ottawa if we are to maintain a reasonable minimum standard of services.

In Mr. Bernard Baruch's opinion, there is a lot of difference between 80 and 87 in the matter of age. When the famous adviser to presidents was asked to crown the queen at this spring's national cherry festival in Washington he begged to be excused on account of his age. "You need someone in his early 80's for that sort of thing", he told festival officials. Mr. Baruch is 87.



ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A SQUEAKING WHEEL

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of current events... The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

STATEMENT CHALLENGED

Sir.—As one of Mr. Harvey Douglas' supporters, we wish to point out that when he made the statement in his recent speech on the floor of the House, that his constituency wanted him to declare its dissatisfaction with the present Potato Marketing Board, he is not stating facts. Possibly a section of his constituency, or a percentage of the personnel in it, is dissatisfied, but he is clearly out of order in stating that his constituency as a whole wishes him to record its dissatisfaction. Prior to the plebiscite to determine the continuance or otherwise of the preceding marketing board, we had a delegation present their views to Mr. Douglas with instructions to Mr. Douglas to represent the Government as representative of those who appointed them. They did not coincide with Mr. Douglas' views, and we believe were not presented as suggested by this editorial. We have no desire to have this plebiscite subject revived for more caustic debate, but we cannot allow Mr. Douglas to state without contradiction that his views which are so evidently inimical to the present board are reflective of all members of his constituency.

I am, Sir, etc. C. C. PRATT, St. Peter's, P.E.I.

A TRIBUTE

Sir.—It was with a deep sense of sorrow and personal loss that I learned on Wednesday morning of the death of one of the Province's finest young men in the person of the late Mr. Isaac L. Tuplin. This talented agriculturalist came into the Department of Agriculture after his graduation from Macdonald College and McGill University a few years ago and in a common task we became close friends and associates. For a young man just entering on his career, he showed a remarkable grasp of technical and practical farm problems and applied himself with unbounded enthusiasm to his tasks among the rural people. Later he secured leave of absence and studied for his Masters Degree after which he returned again to the Department of Agriculture as Director of Field Crops and Extension. At the time of his sudden death he was building up an excellent program on behalf of farm producers. Aside altogether from his services in his chosen profession, Mr. Tuplin possessed an attractive personality, a kindly disposition and a sincerity of purpose that endeared him to all who had the privilege of knowing him. His sad passing has removed from the Department of Agriculture, the farming industry and many of the spheres of activity in which he participated, a young man of tremendous potentialities and a citizen of great promise. I pay tribute to the memory of a fine friend, an able administrator and a young citizen of more than ordinary intellect, breadth of vision and worthiness of character. To the sorrowing members of the family I extend in this hour of trial, deepest and heartfelt sympathy.

I am, Sir, etc. W. R. SHAW

EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Sir.—I have read your editorial entitled "Educational Needs" which appeared in your issue of March 8 along with Mr. Parker's letter under the same heading. Obviously editors have an advantage over any correspondent for they can attempt to nullify the arguments of a correspondent by means of an editorial on his topic in the same issue or by a footnote to his letter. In reference to the question of the disassociation of politics from education you state, "it is difficult to see how it (politics) could remain outside the public education sphere, or how some other authority, less responsible to the people, could be substituted for it with advantage". Don't you think that administration by a Commission would at least remove the taint, incompetency and inadequacy of politics by at least one step? It is my opinion, as a teacher, that we are now in the blackest period of our educational history, largely because of incompetent government leadership which has hamstrung all who direct our educational policy from the Deputy Minister down. In this opinion I am quite confident that I am not alone. It is people like you, Mr. Editor, who aid and abet incompetency for selfish reasons of political

Korea Turns To Peat

What oil has been for the lamps of China, peat promises to become for the hearths and factory furnaces of Korea. Spurred by the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency, the country is turning enthusiastically to the centuries-old fuel, still favor and patronage. May I ask you to tell us, from your "expert knowledge of school conditions" here to list the "frills" that we have been "stressing too much" in our schools to the detriment of the more solid material in our educational fabric. Come now, don't be a coward and evade the issue. Let us experience a revolution of the benefit you have derived from that "more solid material". I am, Sir, etc. RURAL TEACHER, Dunstaffnage.

Our correspondent confuses politics, which is simply the art or science of civil government, with partisan politics, which is apparently what she is complaining about, but to which we made no reference of any kind. Commission control of public schools would not remove "politics" from the problem, so long as the students made the appointments, paid the bills and passed laws governing their administration. The only time we had no "politics" in education in this Province was in the pioneer days when there were no public educational facilities, and only those who could afford to do so had their children educated, either by private tutors, or by sending them abroad to more advanced communities where education was a social responsibility. When so much is being said nowadays about "education for democracy," we should be clear in defining the terms under which democracy functions before trying to remedy its abuses.

We made no pretense to "expert knowledge of school conditions" as our correspondent implies. In asking the question whether we have been stressing too many "frills" to the detriment of education, we thought it was pertinent to the issue of increased taxes raised by Mr. Parker. It is a subject of much concern throughout Canada at the present time, on the part of experts with far more knowledge of education than we profess to have. In a report of the Royal Commission on Education in Ontario, for example, the question was posed in these terms: "The time has come for a thorough inquiry into the rising costs of education. Such an inquiry should seek to itemize the relative costs of providing for the fundamentals, commonly referred to as the core subjects, and the varied activities and functions of a modern school which do not contribute directly to the teaching of these essential subjects. The inquiry might properly consider whether it is better to do less and do it excellently than to attempt to 'educate the whole child' in all aspects of growth and achievement without which maturity of judgment is impossible of attainment." (If the wealthy Province of Ontario stands in need of such an inquiry, surely we could make one with advantage nearer home. Our financial problem here is much more acute, and we see no reason why the taxpayers' interests should not be protected in the manner indicated.—Ed. G.)

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Sir.—In Saturday's Guardian, referring to the speech of Mr. C. C. Baker on the Draft Address you report as follows: "The speaker said he was amused to read the text of a City Council resolution in which it was pointed out that June was the best month for making hay and for this reason Daylight Saving Time would benefit the farmer. I have not been farming for a long time and I don't remember when I ever put up much hay during the month of June. You can see how much they know about the whole matter when anyone would make a statement like that." As the writer of this letter was the mover of the City Council resolution referred to by Mr. Baker I would appreciate very much having the resolution reprinted so that the honourable member from Fourth Prince can read it with perhaps somewhat greater care. Text of Resolution: "Resolved, that the City Council request the Honorable E. Earle MacDonald and Mr. Alexander MacIsaac, to urge upon the Legislature at its present session that Daylight Saving Time be instituted in this Province from late June until September." I am glad the above resolution provided some amusement for Mr. Baker but I think he read a little more into it than what is actually there. I leave it to the public to decide. I am, Sir, etc. EDWIN C. JOHNSON

HISTORIC GUARDS

Swiss Guards at Vatican City, whose history goes back to 1500, now number six officers and 105 men.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundeen, M. D.

A BLESSING IN DISGUISE A HEART ATTACK MAY BE Sometimes a heart attack can be a blessing in disguise. Actually, about eight or nine out of every ten persons who suffer a seizure will survive. While severe attacks may bring crushing pain and leave the person gasping for breath, many initial seizures are relatively mild. Some victims are barely aware of any change at all and ignore the symptoms. That's bad. If the attack is just strong enough to send the victim scurrying to his doctor, the first warning may turn out to be a good thing.

MINOR ATTACK

In the case of coronary thrombosis, a minor attack may begin with one or two sharp twinges of pain. This is quickly replaced by a dull ache which may be hardly noticeable, although it will continue for some time. Breathing will be completely normal and any fever that develops will probably be so slight that the person will be unaware of it. Within a day or two, the symptoms will vanish. While the person may not feel quite his best for a while longer, the chances are he will just pass off this experience as an incident he'd rather forget. This is a grave mistake. For the next attack might be much worse. A doctor should be seen as quickly as possible after such symptoms are experienced. By various tests, including a special electrocardiogram, he'll be able to determine how severe the condition is.

AVOIDING SECOND

In this way, he'll be able to guide the patient's future activities in such a way as to enhance his chances of avoiding a second attack. This may mean relatively little alteration from his present routine, or it may mean strict curtailment of a too active life. Chances for a complete recovery after a minor attack usually vary good—if the doctor's advice is followed.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

J. R.: What is the cause of gallstones? Answer: The exact cause of gallstones is not known, but infection of the gall bladder, overweight and lack of exercise are factors which may lead to the condition.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(March 12, 1931) At ten o'clock last night the Borden ferry which left Toronto at two o'clock in the morning of the previous day had reached a point one mile from Toronto. She was reported to be battling very heavy ice which has been driven in by the easterly winds. You can drive up to your service station this morning and say "fill her up" for less than it would have cost on the way home last night. A reduction of 1/2 cent a gallon of gasoline effective throughout the Maritimes was announced yesterday by the President of McColl-Toronto Oil Co. on behalf of all refineries in Canada.

TEN YEARS AGO

(March 12, 1946) Seventy-seven arrests for drunkenness including two as a result of the Maritimes was announced yesterday by the Chief of Police John F. Kane. Officers, Peter, White and J.P. Lunkenfer. The policemen appointed at the meeting of the Summerside Town Council Monday night, were sworn into office before Stipendiary Wyatt on Wednesday. They are: Chief of Police John F. Kane; Officers, Peter, White and J.P. Lunkenfer.

The Age Old Story

I will extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever... Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of thy wonderful works. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

YARMOUTH FOLKSCHOOL

In Nova Scotia farmers are learning the Patsy Cake Polka and taking lessons in public speaking. It's all part of the educational plan of the Yarmouth Folkschool bringing new community interests to country dwellers. Read of the amazing success of this work in The Standard this week. Get The Standard — an sale now, complete with magazine, 12-page novel and 20 pages of comics. Only ten cents.

ON SALE NOW The Standard

Notes By The Way A Newmarket woman who bought an average of 10 bottles of liquor and 96 bottles of beer a month for four months, said it was "strictly for medicinal purposes." She can regard her \$100 fine as a penalty for practicing internal medicine without a licence.—Windsor Star.

According to Premier Manning, the opposition in the Alberta legislature is resorting to "political propaganda" again. To any seasoned Albertan, the meaning of this is clear at once. The opposition has criticized Premier Manning and his Social Credit government.—Calgary Herald.

Between 1951 and 1955, some 430,000 settlers in Canada qualified for citizenship under the five-year domicile rule, yet only 116,000 have so far gone to the trouble of becoming citizens. That's under 30 per cent. Why? Perhaps a lot more only be reminded that the waiting period is over.—St. Catharines Standard.

Six elephants are shot every day in Tanganyika, according to the latest report of the game wardens and over the last five years the deaths have averaged 2,230. But in spite of this slaughter the Tanganyika elephants are reported to be in good form and more than holding their own. A herd of them recently destroyed 2,000 coconut trees at Gombero, appearing to dislike the agriculture department, which is trying to build up a coconut industry.—Manchester Guardian.

Some of the large U. S. food firms are striving to give their customers better control of their diets. They are trying to get better control of three little words which are at the base of their business: "It tastes good." They are also investigating ways and means of cost cutting. We have a hunch that in this task the researchers will be more likely to succeed if they consulted grandmothers on some things. She could always whip up tasty dishes in jig time and at very little expense.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

There are timid desk thumpers and bold desk thumpers. Some members in the Manitoba Legislature thump with slight provocation, and others thump rarely at all. Premier Campbell has by far the boldest thump in the House. When he has cause to applaud, he lifts his arm high and comes down on the lid of his desk with a slam like an oaken door. Then another lusty smite. Two such blows are usually enough, but if he's very enthusiastic about something he may go to three, sparing neither the furniture nor his hand. At the other extreme are Lloyd Stinson and Edmond Prefontaine. They are gentle thumpers. The sound of their applause is drowned, and there's only the motion of their hands to say they are giving it. The other party leader, Duff Roblin, is about average. He bangs his desk often, but not over long.—Winnipeg Free Press.

If You're TIRED ALL THE TIME

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