

Published every week-day morning at 136 Prince Street, Charlottetown, P. E. I., by The Thomson Company Limited.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6, 1954

Montreal Meeting

Presumably a compromise was reached between Prime Minister St. Laurent and Premier Duplessis yesterday.

It is indicated, however, that Quebec will continue to levy Income Tax and that it may be collected by the Federal Government.

A disturbing feature is Mr. St. Laurent's indication that the meeting established the basis for a compromise solution that could be extended to the other Provinces.

It is to be hoped that the Prime Minister will make it clear that the existing type of agreement, adjusted to conditions from time to time, will continue to be available.

On the other hand it is no small achievement to induce Quebec to enter into a general fiscal scheme. That Province may not occupy a unique position in the Canadian scheme of things.

Dr. Toynbee's Warning

Dr. Arnold Toynbee, whose monumental "Study of History" places him in the front rank of authorities on the subject, has found an apt illustration of the predicament in which the world is finding itself today.

"Our technological feat of annihilating distance," he says, "is having the same effect as a rapidly rising flood. The world's population is being crowded together on the patch of ground that still stands above flood-level."

But how are we to cultivate the necessary mutual tolerance? Dr. Toynbee quotes the Council of Christians and Jews as reporting that the chief way in which bias appears in history is in omission, especially in

factors which may, to an author writing within the context of his own intellectual and cultural equipment, seem unimportant, but which to members of another group may be vital.

Changed Poultry Marketing

Not so very long ago the buyer of poultry had the choice of taking a dressed bird or one not dressed. The butcher felt he was rendering a real service to his customers in offering to supply a bird that needed no further cleaning before going in the roasting oven or the pot.

Such, at any rate is the conclusion in the poultry products market report published by the Department of Agriculture. It seems that more poultry is being used in the ready-to-cook form than a year ago and at the same time that light chicken is gaining wider consumer acceptance.

The broiler has, of course, benefited by an intensive publicity campaign but it was to be expected in any case that a smaller fowl and one requiring less work would become popular.

At the same time the modern housewife is not inclined to accept what she regards as primitive tasks when she is offered the alternative of buying a product which is to all intents ready to heat and serve.

A Question For Dr. Mays

Dr. Benjamin Mays, Negro President of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, is one of the outstanding scholars of the United States. He is, also a noted religious leader and, as might be expected, a prominent crusader in the fight of his race for social and political equality.

During the recent meetings of the World Council of Churches Dr. Mays presented the case against racial segregation and moved the report condemning the practice; which report was adopted, though some delegates, notably those from the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, expressed some misgivings about its "practicality."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Yet another danger to peace has been reduced by the amicable division of Trieste between the rival claimants, Italy and Yugoslavia. Diplomatic tempers have been cooling in the Balkans, Near East and even the Far East so that the number of danger points in the world has decreased most satisfactorily.

Alberta's remarkable growth in recent years, annual investment in industry rising from \$5,000,000 in 1946 to \$90,000,000 in 1953 is one of the great economic events of this country's history.

Charles Stewart Parnell, Irish politician, died this date 1891. He early entered the House of Commons where he played havoc with its business by a policy of obstruction.



Got To Fight This Together

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.

WHO ARE THE FARM LEADERS?

Sir, On Wednesday evening I attended a meeting under the direction of the Federation of Agriculture at the Charlottetown Forum. A report of this meeting has already appeared in your columns but this report does not carry to the public some of the circumstances under which the discussions and vote were conducted.

In the first place I cannot understand why the Federation of Agriculture called a meeting of this nature and allowed a resolution of importance to bona-fide potato producers, only to be voted on by every Tom, Dick and Harry who wished to do so.

Unfortunately they had little chance. From the opening bell was quite obvious that the meeting was packed with those who did not want to listen or hear, but who came to prevent freedom of speech and debate.

The Age Old Story

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

Another attempt was made to prejudice thinking on the basis of regulation or compulsion. What arrogant nonsense. When did we get away from compulsion anyway? If we go on the road with our car by an order of compulsion.

At one time there was a subsidized boat service to McEwens and West River Bridge on Saturdays, a very useful and necessary service, particularly to farm households, students, etc., but off the same time, there were subsidized boats to Bonshaw, a great service especially during fall and Spring, when roads were impassable.

I am, Sir, etc., SIDELINER Charlottetown.

Old Charlottetown

LADY WESTMORELAND'S GIFTS

"We have much pleasure in announcing that the Countess of Westmoreland, on her recent visit to Georgetown, made a donation of Twenty Pounds towards the completion of the new Episcopal Church in that place, and Two Pounds towards the erecting of a School House. It will be remembered that in addition to these munificent gifts her Ladyship contributed a very large sum towards the finishing of a place for divine worship, on her Ladyship's estate, on Township Number Twenty-nine."

—Royal Gazette, July 7, 1840

reason for some credit in this respect, particularly in specially favored, and far distant areas. But when the programmes of improvement were formulated the eyes of the powers seemed to be blinded by the sheen of the noble Elliott, for modern travel facilities came to an abrupt halt on the northern boundary of the West River.

At one time there was a subsidized boat service to McEwens and West River Bridge on Saturdays, a very useful and necessary service, particularly to farm households, students, etc., but off the same time, there were subsidized boats to Bonshaw, a great service especially during fall and Spring, when roads were impassable.

But some may say, our roads have been widened. Sure they have. The little jungle trails once known, could not after all, accommodate a modern truck. This process is common to all areas.

For the past two years there was a large and dangerous hole in the approach, and, amazing thing, some official or representative finally woke up, noticed the hole, and so the fence that guarded it was torn down and the hole was filled. Along the road south there are depressions, lower than the low spots in adjacent fields, and for the past four years trucks and cars have been mired in these spots and along the main highway.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Nehr puts up supporting our real friends in Asia, those who have stood by us when the going was rough, those who have fought with us; those who are still with us when he is not.

And the trouble is that too many of the people behind the steering wheels of 100 miles-an-hour motor cars fail to realize that they are 50-miles-an-hour drivers on 40-miles-an-hour highways until they are involved in accidents.

The respect in which India's government is widely held is due in no slight degree to the high proportion of scholarly men who have come to the top of New Delhi. Prominent among these is the Vice-President, Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, who is an outstanding philosopher.

some of whom were members of the Cabinet and in positions of influence and responsibility. Yet the residents of this section through it all stood demurely by on the sidelines, both Grit and Tory, and accepted this service without too much objection.

Why depend on promises? Please page the Trans-Canada highway, and the nice little row of white stakes through New Argyle and Long Creek. And the promised new West River Bridge. Also page the engineers who it was stated saw such great dangers over the Strathgartney hills.

A road that can be used particularly during the fall and spring without hindrance is vital to our needs and should be undertaken immediately. The two projects are not inter-dependent, but there is no need why both should not be immediately promoted.

I am, Sir, etc., SOUTH OF THE RIVER.

High money wages have very little meaning if cancelled by price rises or unemployment. Lower money wages may well mean higher real wages if they assure continuous employment and lower prices.

Men who like to settle down comfortably at home, and light a cigar, pipe or cigarette, will wish certain British botanist had kept his big mouth shut. He has just proclaimed that tobacco smoke is bad for flowers. Kills them, in fact. Down the years, unconsciously or by guile, man has built a protective screen around his smoking.

We have shaken hands upon which we could feel germs—they were as big as grasshoppers, and almost visible to the human eye. But we are still here to tell the tale, and we think it is better to feel free to shake hands with people than to worry about their germs.

How dear to my heart were the scenes on the Island When spud digging time rolled around in the Fall. The broad rolling acres, the plots near the woodland; The backbone from stooping, as I can recall. The old men, the young men, the girls and the bosses; The basket that heavier grew through the day.

The Poet's Corner

THE OLD WOODEN BASKET

How dear to my heart were the scenes on the Island When spud digging time rolled around in the Fall. The broad rolling acres, the plots near the woodland; The backbone from stooping, as I can recall.

The digger, how quickly each row it demarcated; How soon was another exposed to our view. The basket—the handle my quick hands had polished. Each morning the sighing when starting a new.

I am, Sir, etc., SOUTH OF THE RIVER. P. E. I.

COAL You can be assured of Real Comfort when you purchase from our stock of Best Quality Fresh Mined coals, comprising— OLD SYDNEY (Washed) SPRINGHILL INVERNESS ACADIA NUT, Oil Treated ACADIA EGG, Oil Treated BRAS D'OR NUT, Oil Treated AMERICAN HARD WELSH HARD DOMINION COKE Sold in any quantity Immediate Deliveries, Courteous Service W. D. GILLIS CO., LTD. DIAL 3776