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CIRCULATION

"Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew"

"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Illustration Field Days

We are now into the season of Illustration Station Field Days, which have become an important feature of agricultural activities in this Province and across Canada.

The system was first established in Prince Edward Island in 1923, and at the present time seven Illustration Stations located on five major soil types and modifications thereof serve the farmers of the Province.

In addition, Illustration Stations serve as testing grounds for new varieties of farm crops, and as centres where weed, disease and insect control measures may be studied.

A farm management program has more recently been expanded to include the home woodlot. Selective cutting, reforestation measures and recommended forestry practices are now being demonstrated on several stations in the Province.

Operators of Illustration Stations in Prince Edward Island have, through the years, played a very important role in their respective communities. The fruits of their labors have been reflected in the multiplication and distribution of recommended varieties of cereals, potatoes, root and vegetable seed, as well as timothy and clover seed of the highest quality.

Saskatchewan Irrigation

A special commission reviewing the gigantic South Saskatchewan River dam and irrigation project is expected to submit its report to the Federal Government early in October. According to the Ottawa correspondent of the Winnipeg Free Press, preliminary reports show that the cost of the works would be approximately \$200 millions today, instead of the original estimate of \$103.7 millions.

The irrigation cost per acre of land, according to preliminary reports, will be estimated by the commission at \$60 per acre as against the \$57 per acre in successful southern Alberta irrigation developments.

Manitoba contends that, when fully developed on the scale of irrigation contemplated in Saskatchewan, much less water from either the North or South Saskatchewan rivers eventually would flow into lake Winnipeg and thence into the Nelson river discharging into Hudson Bay.

Alberta's concern is twofold: The tremendous expense to the Federal Government of the Saskatchewan project, it is held, is unjustified when so much dry land

is available for further irrigation in Alberta at far less cost per acre. One phase of the South Saskatchewan project is development of hydro electric power at the big dam some 60 miles south of Saskatoon to pump water some 60 feet high over the river banks to the irrigation ditches.

Another adverse factor is that there are hundreds of big Saskatchewan dry farms, now successfully farmed, that would be brought into the irrigation area. This would involve cutting them up into acreages not exceeding 160 acres per farm at additional high cost.

Against all these objections, the commission report will balance carefully its exhaustive study of advantages; great increase in productivity of food for all Canada; benefit to railway and truck transportation just as in southern Alberta; big increase in population; and consequently long term increase in taxation revenues to both Federal and provincial Governments.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Hiroshima was atom-bombed this date 1945 (or August 6th, locally). Shortly afterwards the second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki and the war was swiftly brought to an end.

If prosperity guarantees the return of a Government as it generally does, Alberta's Social Credit administration can go on with its affairs with merely a momentary interest in today's election.

Canadian jumpers are still looking for an international reputation. Captain L. J. McGuinness and T. G. Gayford, Canadian team in Helsinki for the Olympic Games, have entered the jumping competition at the International Horse Show in London August 18-23.

Nova Scotia's Premier Angus L. Macdonald passed on to his fellow clansmen an appeal for funds for a memorial in Uist to Flora Macdonald, heroine of Bonnie Prince Charlie's escape after Culloden. Surprisingly, Premier Macdonald did not refer to Flora Macdonald's having spent some time in Nova Scotia.

The dividing of the U. N. field command in Korea between a fighting command and a communications zone each reporting directly to General Mark Clark in Tokyo represents the modern tendency to fight battles at a greater and greater distance. It is clear that what are regarded as tactical as well as strategic decisions will tend to be made at Tokyo, rather than closer to operations.

The resolution of the General Commission of the Red Cross to ask the governments concerned to submit Communist germ-warfare charges to investigation should have the effect of, "Put up, or shut up". In fact it will probably be quite otherwise. The reds will find excuse for not permitting proper investigation and continue to sound off with their propaganda.

The Saint John Telegraph Journal points out that the spending of thirty million dollars on the construction of the new army camp in New Brunswick, and the presence of so many thousands of soldiers there will represent, in effect, the same thing as though a new market the size of a big city had suddenly arisen in our sister Province. As the leading farm exporting Province of the Maritimes this should be of tremendous advantage to Prince Edward Island.

Prime Minister Churchill has often been regarded as something of a militarist, whose policy is to build up the strength of Britain's armed forces. More correctly, however, his policy is to build up Britain's strength by whatever means seem appropriate. At the present time he regards her economy as more in need of strengthening than her bastions.

Fish need aquatic plant food and plant food needs nutrients, says Canadian Isotope. To find out just how this nutrition cycle works, the Nova Scotia Research Foundation is using isotopes in a unique underwater test. The nutrition cycle in fresh water lakes is being examined with the aid of radioactive phosphorus. Using the isotope tracer in phosphate fertilizers, the researchers find that the fertilizer is consumed by bacteria on the surface of the lake bottom mud; practically none is left to promote growth of plants.

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.

IDEAL HISTORIC SITE

Sir,—Your suggestion in an editorial of last Friday that the Port la Joie area at the mouth of the Charlottetown harbour should be preserved as an historic site has much to recommend it. Now that the area is being offered for sale, prompt consideration should be given to the opportunity of acquiring it.

I am, Sir, etc., JOSEPH L. CURRAN, Charlottetown.

THE HANGOVER

Sir,—The hangover: This is how a fellow feels the day after the night before, and is illustrated in a set of cartoons by Osborne in a Life magazine. The victim has a look of despair upon his face and a spear through his head, in one ear and out the other. This is how he feels the day after.

The Yale Centre of Alcohol Studies has taken up this question of the hangover and has disclosed some startling facts. The problem drinker in industry loses 25 to 30 work days a year. Throughout the U.S. 175,000 men stay away from their jobs every work day, making a total of 60 million man-days lost. This is nearly three times the number lost as from strikes.

Yet alcoholic absenteeism does not tell half the story. The hidden costs this study has revealed dwarf the costs shown on paper. Men who go to their work with a hangover are only half men. Their work is only half done or done in such a slovenly way that it were better not done at all. This loss cannot be tabulated. Osborne aptly illustrates this victim in a cartoon of a half-man, miserably dejected and the invisible half left grovelling at home.

Twenty-five centuries ago in Judea a scientific description of the hangover is given in a medical treatise but no cure is suggested, and none has yet been found. The ancient sees thus sums up the situation: "Who hath woe, who hath sorrow? They that tarry long at the wine." He doesn't say, "Better leave wine alone", but this is probably the implication.

I am, Sir, etc., W. I. GREEN, Stanley Bridge.

The Poet's Corner

BAB-LOCK-HYTHE

In the time of wild roses As up Thames we travelled Where 'mid water-weeds ravelled The lily unclothes,

To his old shores the river A new song he sings, And young shoals were springing On old roots for ever.

Dog-daisies were dancing, And flags flamed in cluster, On the dark stream a lustre Now blurred and now glancing.

A tall reed down-weighting The sedge-warbler fluttered, One sweep he uttered, Then left it soft-swaying.

By the bank's sandy hollow My dipt oars went beating, And past our bows fleeting Blue-backed shone the swallow.

High woods, heron-haunted, Face, changed, and rose rounded Old hills, greenly mounded, To meadows enchanted.

A dream ever moulded Fresh for our wonder, Still opening asunder For the stream many-folded;

Till sunset was rimming The West with pale flushes, Behind the blue, the blue, The last light was dimming;

And the lonely stream, hiding Shy birds, grew more lonely, And with us was only The noise of our gliding.

In cloud of gray weather The evening o'erdarkened, In the stillness we hearkened; Our hearts sang together.

—Laurence Binyon.

The Age-Old Story

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep; O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.

SPEEDY RESCUE

BANBURY, England.—(CP)—Maybe the old rhyme "ride a cock horse to Banbury Cross" had its influence, but passengers on a train stopped the train when they spotted a horse attacking a woman in a field. They rushed to her aid and the woman was taken to hospital with a broken ankle.

Householder By The Side Of The Road

IN SPRING HE MAY SEE HIS TOPSOIL CARRIED AWAY BY TRICKLING STREAMS



BUT IN SUMMER IT BLOWS RIGHT BACK!



Notes By The Ways

We haven't much use for television. We've had the days of fiery oratory, we'll probably buy a set when we get a chance. We despise the dull, statistics-packed political speeches of today more than we do television.—Lethbridge Herald.

A Frenchman, Etienne Greisole, has been fined 30,000 francs for illegally practicing medicine. He is said to have acted as a surgeon to the Canadian embassy in Paris. Coming after the "Dr. St. Cyr" incident in the Royal Canadian Navy, this suggests Canadian authorities are easy marks for bogus doctors.—Windsor Star.

Collision of two fire department vehicles in London, Ontario, and injury to four, shows once again how accidents can happen when fire reels, police cars or ambulances are rushing through city streets. In this instance, drivers were both experienced but they collided. For ordinary motorists, there is but one safe rule. When the siren of such a vehicle is heard, pull off to the side of the street if possible. But, in any case, stop. The sirens denote the vehicles need the right of way, and the drivers assume they will get it. Indeed, they have to have it if they are to get to a fire or another emergency in the shortest possible time.—Windsor Star.

London has moved to acquire lots in the Thames street area for use as civic parking lots, and further acquisition is envisaged. Land values in London, within reasonable distance of the heart of the city, are not yet prohibitive for this use, and this land in time would be self-sustaining. An eventual benefit of such a system would be that if one day space were required for building we would have vacant sites on hand. So serious is our parking problem now that immediate action is necessary. Civic parking lots offer the best answer in sight.—London Free Press.

Half the world envies Canada her apples and it is pathetic they should cause so much discord. The jealousies of British Columbia and Nova Scotia growers and the assistance they receive, the walls from Quebec and Ontario orchard owners, the loss of export markets and the muttering of a multitude that they can't find the flavor they enjoyed in Grandpa's day, make a sorry chorus in the growing and marketing of a glorious fruit.—Ottawa Journal.

A recent wave of lawlessness, involving brutal attacks on women and young children, has led to renewed agitation in Britain for the re-introduction of flogging as punishment for crimes of violence. The people to whom this kind of treatment is repugnant have some good arguments, including those based on the study of psychology, but the ultra-modern approach does not seem to have abated crime or, for that matter, prison surrenditions and jail-breaks.—Brantford Expositor.

It is with the tourist business and with everything else that has to be made widely known if a profit is to be got from it. Launch a business, manufacture a product, discover a mine,—all that is fine, so long as it produces. And it cannot be expected to produce if the public is not told about it. That is the function of publicity; to inform the public and demonstrate to it that it is in its interest to buy this and that, to invest in such and such business.—L'Information, Montreal.

At the invitation of His Honour Lieutenant Governor Haviland, the return match between the Mims and Fitzroy lawn tennis clubs took place on Saturday afternoon. The weather was lovely, and there was a large number of spectators present. One of the most marked features of the match was the great improvement shown on both sides by those who had hitherto been considered the least experienced players. The final result of the match left the Fitzroys once more winners, by 6 sets to 4. The victory was only achieved after the most exciting contest ever witnessed. The players were: Fitzroys: Mr. Arnold, Mrs. Arnold, Mr. Quirk, Mrs. Quirk, Mr. Leith Brecken, Miss Hensley. Mims: Mr. A. B. Warburton, Miss May DesBrisay, Dr. Warburton, Miss M. Hobkirk, Dr. Morson, Miss Alice Jenkins. —The Examiner, June 11, 1953.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer TO CRACK A NUT

There is widespread agitation in England for the removal of the Dean of Canterbury because of his out and out Communist utterances. And no wonder. The marvel is that the agitation has been postponed for so long for the very reverend gentleman is exasperating in the extreme. If Dr. Johnson were simply a priest of the established church or a minister of some other denomination the solution would be easy. The parish officials could get rid of him overnight. Of course, as a rank and file clergyman his antics would probably pass unnoticed. There are any number of men whose pro-Communist leanings are just as pronounced as Dr. Johnson's but nobody bothers much about them.

It is precisely because Dr. Johnson happens, by a political gift of past years, to be Dean of ancient Canterbury that his political opinions are viewed with some alarm. The Russian propagandists, as one might expect, are very anxious to get rid of him overnight. They are suggesting to any who will listen (and many do listen) that the Dean of Canterbury is, ex officio, a deputy for the highest ranking prelate of the English Church. They hint further that since nothing has been done to silence him the Archbishop himself is secretly in sympathy with his pro-Communist ideas.

Needless to say, there is not an ounce of truth in all this but it must be remembered that the Russian people read only what their masters desire that they should. Consequently, Dr. Johnson's utterances are given wide publicity while Dr. Fisher's denunciations are altogether unnoticed. It is safe to assume that there are many British officials who have been persuaded to believe that the English Church hierarchy are longing for the day when the red flag of Communism will be hoisted over Whitehall.

Dr. Johnson's position not only makes his Russian utterances much more dangerous than they would be if he were just one of the so-called "inferior" clergy (Rectors, Incumbents, Vicars, and such like). It also, by an unfortunate legal circumstance, makes him virtually safe from any attempts to remove him. An outmoded provision of the Constitution which keeps the Church of England established by law, the Dean of Canterbury can be removed only for well defined hostile acts against the Church or Crown. Obviously, though unhappy, anything he might say in a country where free speech is regarded just as solemnly as the Decalogue, or more so, does not come within any of these offences which would make removal possible.

No one knows this better than the "Red Dean" himself. He is well aware of the fact that while the law remains as it is he can go on his merry way and shout the glories of Communism to his heart's content. His deanery is a sure refuge so long as he does not do anything against the security of the Church or Crown. This is extremely unlikely. For one thing, with their heritage of level-headed political maturity Britons know that the surest way to spread any sort of pernicious doctrine, political or other, is to drive it underground and make quasi-martyrs of its protagonists. Already Dean Johnson's (and Dr. Endicott's) charges that germ warfare has been waged by the United Nations forces in Korea have fallen back on his own head. It now turns out, in his own admission, that the bugs which Korean children were seen picking from the bushes were ordinary run of the mill insects. Pesky things, to be sure, but without a shred of international glamour or intrigue. A few more fatal episodes like this on the part of the Red Dean and those in this country who pursue the same line, and there will be no need for the rest of us to worry. They will be laughed at so much that like Lord Haw-Haw or inglorious memory they will retire from the scene with whatever grace they have managed to retain.

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