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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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Labour Day

Labour Day has been celebrated since 1884 in New York State and from ten years later in Canada in recognition of the dignity and importance of labour in our scheme of things.

There is, of course, a continual re-adjustment of the share received by these various partners in production. In recent years the newest member of the team, government, has taken the most spectacularly increased share of the gross national product.

Labour in Canada has not, generally speaking, gone in for politics in the sense of sponsoring its own political party, but has had a profound influence on the policies of all parties.

Labour in Canada has generally shown itself a responsible power, there are few examples of industries being hamstrung by unreasonable demands.

Pigs And Profits

Since the University of Alberta swine herd was established in 1917 over 15,000 pigs have been farrowed, on which more than 150 swine feeding experiments have been conducted.

There is little doubt, comments the Livestock Review, that hogs now present one of the more attractive market outlets for feed grains.

"Granted that a rather unusual combination of circumstances have contributed to produce extreme variations in hog supplies and prices since 1951," says the Review,

"On the production side there has been quite a common tendency to blame erratic upswings or downswings in hog numbers on the 'in-and-outers'—the assumption being that a large number of the less efficient, marginal producers quit when the going is tough and plunge back in as prospects improve.

a little patience in riding out temporary market reverses is rewarded later on, as those who held on to their breeding stock last fall can now testify."

A Neutral's Defenses

The Hamilton Spectator draws a striking contrast between the defence programs of Canada, a belligerent in two world wars and in Korea and committed to possible future military action by the North Atlantic Treaty, and Sweden, a traditional neutral with no foreign commitments.

"In Sweden all males from 20 to 47 are liable to military service. Conscript training is for nine months, followed by three refresher courses of 30 days each for ordinary soldiers and 40 days each for N.C.O.'s and specialists.

"The Swedish citizen is constantly reminded of his responsibilities by a flood of publications and other propaganda material published by the general staff. There is great emphasis on civil defence. Underground shelters, proof against atomic attack, are being built in cities and towns;

"Admittedly Sweden's case is quite different from Canada's—she is close to the Iron Curtain and far from military help and supplies. But as an example of the ways in which a whole people can take part in their country's preparedness her program is worth study."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Monday, Labour Day. Tomorrow, the 14th Sunday after Trinity, 15th after Pentecost. Last year the Labour Day week-end claimed 65 lives in Canada. Safety reminders are well worth heeding.

It is back to school on Tuesday for a great many of the younger generation. Those attending rural schools are already well settled in the routine of classes instead of outdoor activities.

The Salvation Army in Charlottetown is standing by for "inspection" by its territorial commander for Canada and Bermuda, Commissioner William R. Dalziel. It is not spit and polish, however, that is the order of the day but the enthusiasm of the "Army" and its friends.

The 22nd annual convention of the Provincial Command of the Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L., will be held Monday at Miscouche. For the third time the Legion is in a post-hostilities period, although not technically a post-war one.

Victorien Sardou, French dramatist, was born this date 1831. His early attempts at play-writing failed and he suffered much privation. He fell ill of typhoid fever and was nursed to health by an actress whom he subsequently married.

A recent count has shown that more than 400,000 trees grow on the boulevards and avenues and in the parks of Paris—or one tree for every ten inhabitants.

Not Everyone's Packing



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.

SALUTE THE TEACHER

Sir,—I wish to say once more in connection with the recent discussion on methods of teaching language—especially our own mother tongue—that I entirely disagree with those who claim that formal grammar is being over-worked in the schools of today.

A FORMER TEACHER

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. L.)

NEWSPAPER ITEMS

From The Examiner, Sept. 24, 1953: The nuptials of Mr. Benjamin Bremner of the firm of Bremner Bros., and Miss Jane Webster were celebrated at Morell this morning, and the happy pair are now on their wedding tour en route to Boston.

In compliance with the wishes of farmers and others in King's and Prince Counties, the Government have, this year, made arrangements for the holding of three Exhibitions instead of one.

We hear that Messrs. Hodgson & MacLeod intend establishing a branch of their business in Summerside. They have taken the large and commodious rooms over the Union Bank, which are now being fitted up for them.

The steamship 'Prince Edward', Capt. Robert Fraser, to Peake Bros. & Co., with a cargo of merchandise from London and Liverpool, arrived last night, making the passage from Liverpool in 11 1/2 days. The steamer passed, in 50 N. 51 W., the brigantine 'Erema', from this port for Liverpool.

Messrs. Horne, Pierce & Company have received from the factory of Walter A. Wood, M. & R. M. Co., of Hoosac Falls, N. Y., two self-binders and harvesters, which will be at work at Souris and St. Peter's Bay for a week or ten days or as long as they can find grain to cut.

Notes By The Ways

A Canadian psychologist under the influence of a new drug he was testing saw a woman who appeared to have three eyes. We've seen the same sort at bargain sales.

Wouldn't it be great to live in Australia! Best steaks at 45 cents a pound, beef roasts at 27 cents and butter at 46 cents!

The average of five million workers in Canada stands around \$33 a week, and Lethbridge is right in line with the national average. That's twice the Sydney average.

That sober and respected medical journal of the United Kingdom, the Lancet, declares that millions of British women overwork because their husbands do not work hard enough under the edicts of the unions.

Anyone who rides on the buses cannot fail to observe and, we trust deplore the bad manners of today's children. Small boys, and sometimes small girls, too, crowd, push and elbow their way through waiting adults in order to be the first on.

—"Turn that grain spout in here, Ed. There's still four inches left to the ceiling." And this type of direction from the farmer to a threshing neighbor can spell disaster, because too many farmers harvesting bumper crops look to the ceilings of their granaries but forget the floors.

The thought is prompted by the news reports of a granary floor that collapsed with a load of 3,000 bushels of grain, and three children inside the building narrowly escaped death or serious injury.

If the grain was wheat, the floor was called upon to support a weight of 90 tons, and letter in The Christian Union: "Prince Edward Island is the pearl of the northern seas. It is a purely agricultural province; its chief products being oats, grass and potatoes.

Which he had met in any wood in any of his seven springs. And he hoped this one understood that what he wanted very much was just to talk—and not to touch!

—Anobel Armour in The Christian Science Monitor.

SHIFTING THE BURDEN

Life Insurance takes up the burden where you lay it down. It is a method whereby a man incorporates his income so that it will continue to his family after his death.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer CONCERNING A RETURN VISIT

Anglers are now "on their last lap", so to speak. Another ten days or so and they must begin seven long months of waiting. Quite right and proper, too, for expectations of the future can be just as interesting as realities of the present.

An old friend to whom I confided my wish to re-visit a certain dam, the exact whereabouts of which I had forgotten, kindly offered to go along with me. His company was all the more valuable because of the fact he had been with me when I was there last, approximately fifteen years ago.

My friend said: "This used to be one of the best properties in these parts." I agreed with him. However, so many changes have taken place through the years I wouldn't have recognized the place at all.

The flour mill has gone. Ten years ago, so we were informed by the man now having custody of the property, it was removed to make room for a single mill. That seems to be the story from one end of the Island to the other.

And I suppose that in these days when everything we eat is enriched by the synthetic forces to which we do homage there is not the need that there once was for home grown flour. Certainly there is more romance about converting wheat into flour than in turning spruce into shingles, but mill owners must live and they must, therefore, make the things that sell readily.

Nevertheless, I cannot resist the thought that something very fine disappeared from our Island scene when the wide-clothed millers went out of business. I hear there is only one left now. Some day I must journey to his mill and beg him to persevere against the pressures of economic change.

There is more to life, however, than making a living, and perhaps the lone miller has been privileged to look into the deeper secrets that open up "the vision and the faculty divine". The house that in other days stood proudly on the hill, its white paint gleaming, was destroyed by fire three years ago this summer.

The Age Old Story

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for J. A. McGuigan, A. Walthen Gaudet, L.L.B., MacPhee & Trainor, Chas. R. McQuaid, Frederic A. Large, Q.C., Gaudet & Haszard, Matheson, Peake & Nicholson, M. Alban Farmer, Q.C., Dr. W. R. Carson, Allison M. Gillis, L.L.B., Dr. K. A. MacEachern, Dr. A. L. MacIsaac, J. A. Carruthers, R.O., and McDonald, Currie & Co.