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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew" "The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest link"

CHARLOTTETOWN FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, 1953 Pass By On The Other Side

We live in an age of specialists so that the ordinary man tends to leave much that would once have been his responsibility to a specialized agency. Tending the sick, relieving the poor, spreading the gospel and teaching the young all are apt to be turned over to those who specialize in that activity.

One notable field in which such responsibility occasionally arises is in law enforcement. The police, of course, are specialists in suppressing lawlessness and in most cases it is well to leave them to deal with it.

It is cause for deep concern that in a recent incident five men should have stood idly by while one man was attacked and kicked by three. Such indifference to the maintenance of law and order is difficult to understand.

National Immunization

Statistical proof of the life-saving value of National Immunization Week is offered by the Health League of Canada. In 1943, when the annual fall event was initiated, Canadians suffered 2804 cases of diphtheria and 287 deaths from this cause.

England and Wales show an even greater saving of young lives through a national immunization campaign. Mr. Ian Macleod, Minister of Health, pointed out recently. There in 1940, when the national immunization campaign first opened, there were 2480 diphtheria deaths; while last year this disease claimed only 31 lives in England and Wales.

"The fear of diphtheria has declined among parents in direct relation to the decline of the disease itself," said Mr. Macleod. "The majority of parents of young children nowadays have never seen or heard of a case of diphtheria among their neighbors' children, and are more afraid of illnesses they know than of the dangers of diphtheria."

Britain's immunization campaign was modelled directly upon the Health League of Canada's Toronto Toxoid Week, forerunner of the Canadian National Immunization Week. In fact, one of the first posters issued by the Ministry of Health in England read as follows: "How Toronto Beat Diphtheria—1,022 cases and 64 deaths in 1929—56 cases and 5 deaths in 1933—no cases and no deaths by 1940—We Can Do Likewise—It's Up To You!"

Canada's 11th annual National Immunization Week—aimed at preventing whooping cough, smallpox, and lockjaw, as well as diphtheria—has been announced for September 27 to October 3.

Formidable Pests

A British researcher has warned that swarms of fast-breeding desert locusts pose an increasing threat to the vegetation and grain crops of at least 30 Asian and African countries. Although this country is outside the locust's present domain, says an Ontario exchange, Canada does have a formidable quota of insect pests which labor industriously in field and forest.

beetles working on roots can undermine soil so that one can roll it up like a living room rug. Cabbage butterflies, plant lice, root maggots—specialists in onions and radishes—and potato beetles are other Eastern inhabitants.

Throughout the forest world, the spruce budworm is king of the foliage eaters, particularly in Eastern Canada. Competitors include the forest tent caterpillar, at home everywhere except in British Columbia, the larch sawfly in Central Canada and the European pine sawfly. This latter pest, a recent immigrant via the United States, frolics through the stands of pine planted in reforestation schemes on eroded land in Southern Ontario.

Scientists are constantly at work studying the biology of these insects and developing control methods. So far, field crop insects in Canada have not built up special resistance to insecticides such as DDT but word from Wisconsin is less encouraging; there, cabbage worms devour DDT as though it were a tasty hors d'oeuvre.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Lucknow was reinforced by Sir Henry Havelock this date 1857 after having been defended by a handful of British soldiers for four months. Havelock died a few days later and the defence was conducted by Sir James Outram during the second siege which continued until November.

The complaint of Dr. Cyril James that, "There are an increasing number of people who regard civic responsibility as a burden rather than a privilege," bodes ill for democracy in this country. It is on the civic level that we get the training in democratic practice that can then be carried out in the larger fields.

South Africa's move in making the High Court of Parliament the sole judge of the validity of its own legislation has been interpreted as being part of the Government's policy on racial questions. A recent report, however, suggests that it may really have to do with lobsters. By Act of Parliament the crayfish has become a "rock lobster," a metamorphosis of doubtful constitutionality if ever there was one.

Part of the answer to keeping agriculture on a par economically with industry may be found in rural electrification, in the opinion of John Britain, chairman of the Canadian Electrical Manufacturers Association's Rural Electrification Committee. "It can increase the average farm income considerably through increased production and greater operating efficiency. Electricity on the farm can achieve this by reducing farm labour while at the same time raising production."

There may not be a "hot" war but both Britain and the United States are seeing to it that they will not be altogether unprepared for any eventuality. Recently Britain displayed her latest jet—the "Flying Wing," details of which are secret. United States about the same time hailed the atomic-powered submarine as "a marvelous new weapon" that could bottle up enemy warships half a world away from North American shores. To make for security on land it is a bit frightening the lengths one has to go in the air and under the sea.

Many friends in this Province will regret to learn of the death of the Rev. Dr. E. H. Ramsay, which occurred on Wednesday in Saint John. A native of Hamilton, P. E. I., Dr. Ramsay was for nine years pastor of Trinity United Church in Charlottetown, during which time he endeared himself to all our citizens by his kindly and genial temperament no less than by his Christian zeal and devotion to his high calling. His long ministry in various parts of the Maritime Provinces was blessed with fruitful results, of far-reaching consequences not only to the communities in which he served, but to Canada as a whole.

England has nearly finished one of the most difficult rehousing projects in its history—removal of the huge and delicate instruments of the Royal Observatory from Greenwich, on the Thames in London, to a 15th century castle in Sussex 60 miles southeast. By January, 1954, when the seven-year transfer project ends, Britain's oldest scientific institution will no longer function astride the Greenwich prime meridian, world standard for measurement of longitude and time, notes the National Geographic Society. But because any change would affect global timekeeping and render all of the world's modern maps obsolete, Greenwich will remain the zero meridian even after astronomers shift to their new quarters in the story-book castle of Herstmonceux near the Channel coast.

On To The Next Field



PUBLIC FORUM

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NEGLECTED ORCHARDS

Sir,—Having spent several summer vacations on Prince Edward Island, enjoying its wealth of scenery, and healthful climate and sampling, meanwhile, its sun-ripened fruits, apples, cherries, currants, strawberries, plums, pears, raspberries, etc., to say nothing of abundant wild fruits, I keep wondering why Prince Edward Island does not attempt greater production of marketable fruits? Why there isn't more than one or two purple or other grape arbors there, why orchards are neglected and growing wild, producing literally tons, yearly, of disease and insect-pest infested fruit with increasing menace to production, even for consumption.

A study of the economic outlook, of course, reveals the fact that the P. E. Island farmer finds root crops and cattle, plus dairying, more profitable than fruit growing, and these take all his time. Besides, his orchards have been planted with types of fruit that are not marketable—though other varieties grow just as well.

But why does the Government, not do something, by way of instruction, if not law, to lessen this disease producing menace to Island fruit? It would appear from facts and observation that P. E. Island has more wealth in its soil than its population can consume; or bring to production for market, but this is no reason why our government should overlook the seriousness of this "neglected orchard" situation or that it should permit this untapped source of wealth to be undermined by disease, and insect pests.

I counted seven neglected orchards, during my last summer there, all belonging to wealthy farmers who had little time to care for them. There they stood laden with a wealth of varied fruits, and beneath the trees, bushels of insect-infested apples scattered about, to say nothing of those railroaded through with disease. Cherry trees had stopped bearing, because of blight or black-knot, a few were bearing bitter sour blight infected fruit, and a number of both cherry and plum trees stood up stark and bare, the victims of destruction caused by the same disease. No attempt seemed to be made to destroy these "disease and insect palaces" of the orchard, and nearly every wealthy farmer of P. E. Island possesses such an orchard, each neglected to a greater or lesser degree—and all literally ranches of insect pests and fruit diseases.

From several of these orchards I tried to gather edible fruit, but this year more than ever, it was almost impossible to find an early apple that was not either infested with some disease, or partly devoured by insects. I cannot understand, with our growing schools for instruction in farming, etc., why something cannot be done to awaken the farmer to a sense of duty with respect to these "neglected orchards," and for those who might require more persuasion than a sense of duty, laws should be passed by the Legislature, laws compelling every farmer who keeps such an orchard, to cut down and burn all diseased and pest-infested trees, for the sake of health, scenery, and property, and to spray and prune such healthy trees as he prefers to retain.

I am, Sir, etc. FANNY. Halifax County, N. S.

CAITHNESS, Scotland (CP)—Queen Mother Elizabeth has bought a luxury trailer for her new home at Castle Mey here. The £225 trailer, equipped for hot water, gas, and electricity, will be used to accommodate extra guests in the castle grounds.

The Poet's Corner

FROM DOVER BEACH

The sea of faith Was once, too, at the full, and round earth's shore Lay like the folds of a bright girdle furled; But now I only hear Its melancholy, long, withdrawing roar, Retreating to the breath Of the night-wind down the vast edges drear And naked shingles of the world. Ah, love, let us be true To one another! for the world which seems To lie before us like a land of dreams, So various, so beautiful, so new, Hath really neither joy, nor love, Nor light, nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain; And we are here as on a darkling plain Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight, Where ignorant armies clash by night. —Matthew Arnold.

The Age Old Story

And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt; but God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea; and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.

Chlorophyll For Cows

(Ottawa Journal)

The countryman is fond of cows and on his hillside farm considers that his cows often display better judgment than homo sapiens. When we speak of cows in this way, we refer to the ordinary kind found on America's farms, not to female elephants, moose, elk, whales or sea lions. From time to time the press carries notices of outstanding scientific discoveries and startling advances relating to agriculture, and farmers who work with animals and soils read the findings with interest.

However, there is a limit to what a farmer should be forced to consume in the way of wordage. The recent announcement concerning chlorophyll tablets for bovine consumption is an apt illustration of what a man is up against today. Fads come and go, and of course, some of the trends one labels "fads" may prove of lasting worth. But just because homo sapiens has gone all out for chlorophyll in toothpastes, deodorants, appetizers and what-not in his desire to win friends and influence his peers, there is no logical reason to assume that our cows are worried or frustrated about their breaths.

It seems that experiments are going on with breath-sweetening chlorophyll tablets to see if the tablets will prevent cows which eat wild garlic from tainting the milk. We realize that wild onions, dandelions, toothpastes, deodorants, appetizers and what-not in his desire to win friends and influence his peers, there is no logical reason to assume that our cows are worried or frustrated about their breaths. It seems that experiments are going on with breath-sweetening chlorophyll tablets to see if the tablets will prevent cows which eat wild garlic from tainting the milk. We realize that wild onions, dandelions, toothpastes, deodorants, appetizers and what-not in his desire to win friends and influence his peers, there is no logical reason to assume that our cows are worried or frustrated about their breaths.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

FIRST HOSPITAL MEETING

"At the invitation of His Lordship the Bishop of Charlottetown, Messrs. Hobkirk, MacLeod, Canning and Conroy met, on Wednesday, 22nd inst., in the dispensary of the Hospital now opened under the auspices of His Lordship, and under the management of the Sisters of Charity. On motion, His Lordship was appointed to the chair, and Peter Conroy, M.D., secretary. It was moved by Dr. MacLeod, seconded by Dr. Hobkirk, and carried, that Dr. Conroy be the house surgeon to the Hospital. Dr. Taylor, by letter, expressed his regret at being unable to attend, and assured the meeting of his active co-operation.

"The following medical rules and regulations were agreed upon: "1. The medical department of the institution will be under the management of the following staff of physicians: Messrs. Hobkirk, Jenkins, Taylor, MacLeod, Conroy, Canning and Beer.

"2. A committee of three from the above named staff will be chosen each year to manage the medical affairs of the institution, the said committee to meet and report on the last day of each month.

"3. All applicants for admission shall address themselves to Dr. Conroy, the House Surgeon, and with him all arrangements for such admission will be made.

"4. Free admission will be granted only to the helpless poor, and the number of such admissions shall be in accordance with the means of the institution.

"5. No incurable or contagious disease will be admitted to the Hospital.

"6. Private rooms will be reserved for special patients, these will have the privilege of choosing their own medical attendant from the Hospital staff in consideration of payment of the hospital fee.

"7. No person shall be allowed to give any article whatsoever to any patient in the Hospital without permission from the Superioress of the institution.

"8. Two physicians from the Hospital staff will attend monthly and in regular rotation.

"The following being a summary of the rules and regulations for the internal management of the institution were also submitted and adopted:

"1. The Charlottetown Hospital will be under the management of the Sisters of Charity and open to the sick of all denominations.

"2. The religious convictions of patients will be respected and not interfered with in any way.

"3. Any clergymen called for by a patient will be notified of the same.

"4. The ordinary rules for the good order of the establishment shall be observed by all patients.

"In accordance with the above regulations Messrs. Hobkirk, Jenkins and Canning were appointed the Medical Committee for the ensuing year and Messrs. MacLeod and Conroy were appointed visiting Physicians for the first month."

—The Examiner, Oct. 24, 1879. (The Charlottetown Hospital, first institution of its kind in Prince Edward Island, had been opened on the previous day, Oct. 23, in the house on Dorchester Street formerly used as the Episcopal Residence. It had accommodation for fourteen patients. Six Sisters of Charity under Sister St. Thomas as Superioress, were in attendance.)

FALSE ALARM

HALIFAX CP — Firemen were called to St. Mary's girls' school here when the alarm was sounded. For some unexplained reason the school's sprinkler system had been touched off.

Notes By The Way

"A respectable neighborhood is one where an explosion in the night is attributed to a car back-firing, not to a shooting affray, or a 'still' blowing up."—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

It never ceases to amaze us how much room the families of a few decades ago required when you see how many families now live, and in apparent comfort, in the same space one family used to take up.—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

A court case, reported by The London Daily Mail, tells of a trucker who was fined \$16 for carrying stewed steak from Liverpool to Nottingham. A licensing inspector testified that the trucker held a permit to transport sausage meat, animal food, glue and empty sacks—but not stewed steak. — Fort Erie Letter-Review.

The World Series games between the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers, opening soon, will bring out once again the frailties of human nature. Hundreds of Canadians who could not name more than two or three players of each team at this point, will have become experts after listening to the broadcast of one or perhaps two games. From then on they will feel quite competent to tell even the coaches where they have gone wrong. — Fort William Times-Journal.

There is a fellow in Placenza Italy, who claims to have invented a whistle with an E-flat note that attracts butterflies by the thousands. He has also invented an airgun which will shoot a spray of paralyzing gas a distance of 30 feet. Apparently this genius collects butterflies without a net. He whistles them in and then argues them into insensibility. Science is wonderful. But we hope this inventor has horrible dreams of butterflies by millions all whistling in a field and shooting him with gas-filled airguns. — Vancouver Province.

This, we say, is going too far. How would you feel if a vending machine which has just pocketed your coin and—with whirring and banging—dropped into your hand a candy bar, some peanuts, or a beverage in a paper cup should conclude the deal by booming as you turn away, "Thank you!" "polite" vending machine which will do exactly that has been announced by the National Automatic Merchandising Association. The dispenser's "Thank you," they say, is produced by tape recording. Once the machine has thus found its voice, will it be satisfied, we wonder, to say only "Thank you"? Will it have any comeback to the person who, speaking as automatically as the machine, responds, "You're welcome"? Will it next be admonishing the patrons who plunk their coins in heavily, "Not so rough, partner," or be giggling to the customer who relinquishes the coin more slowly, "Stop, that ticks!" — Christian Science Monitor.

Among the familiar wonders of this modern age is a little metal container loaded with compressed air for squirting various types of products. With the handy gadget the householder can (1) paint; (2) spray insecticide; (3) preserve hair-dos; (4) decorate cakes; (5) shave, etc. Recently a friend of ours awoke in the middle of the night, plagued by the buzzing of a mosquito. Half asleep, he plodded into the kitchen for the "bug bomb," found it without even turning on the light. He returned to the bedroom and pressed the little button on top. The mosquito buzzed on—but our friend, prodded by a furious wife, spent the next half hour removing festoons of frosting from beds, walls and bureaus. — This Week.

Poliomyelitis, once thought to be solely a children's disease, is striking at the higher age brackets, say officials of the All-Canada Insurance Federation. Polio, sometimes called infantile paralysis, is now almost as likely to be found in adults as in children, particularly the 24-49 age group. Medical officials say that it is more apt to be fatal to adults than to children. The peak season for the disease is late August and September, but cases have been reported at other times of the year, say medical authorities. Polio does not always bring death or even paralysis. — Oshawa Times-Gazette.

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