

Lovers Prince Edward Island Like the Dew... Published every week-day morning at 150 Prince Street...

Persistent Reports

Despite official denials, reports persist that President Eisenhower is thinking of retiring within the next few months...

Certainly, no one would blame Mr. Eisenhower for stepping down. In view of his indifferent health and the burdens which go with his office...

No one in the free world would be happy at Mr. Eisenhower's retirement. The universal hope is that his health will permit him to remain at his post for the full statutory period...

Silvery Red Tape

Remember what a great deal of fuss was made about the late President Roosevelt's "Lend Lease" agreement with Britain and other allied countries in the Second World War?

One such operation ended a few days ago with the arrival in New York harbour of the last shipment of 88 million ounces of silver which Britain borrowed under the agreement...

sure officials are bothered about this. They cannot very well accept less than the amount that was borrowed, or at least they don't feel like doing so...

To an outsider the problem would appear to be a very simple one. The United States Treasury could simply send a cheque for \$16 million to the British Chancellor of the Exchequer...

No Humour

A Japanese traveller who has returned to Tokyo from an extended trip to North and South Korea says that the big difference between the two areas is that the people in the North "never seem to smile" while their Southern neighbors "generally present a cheerful countenance."

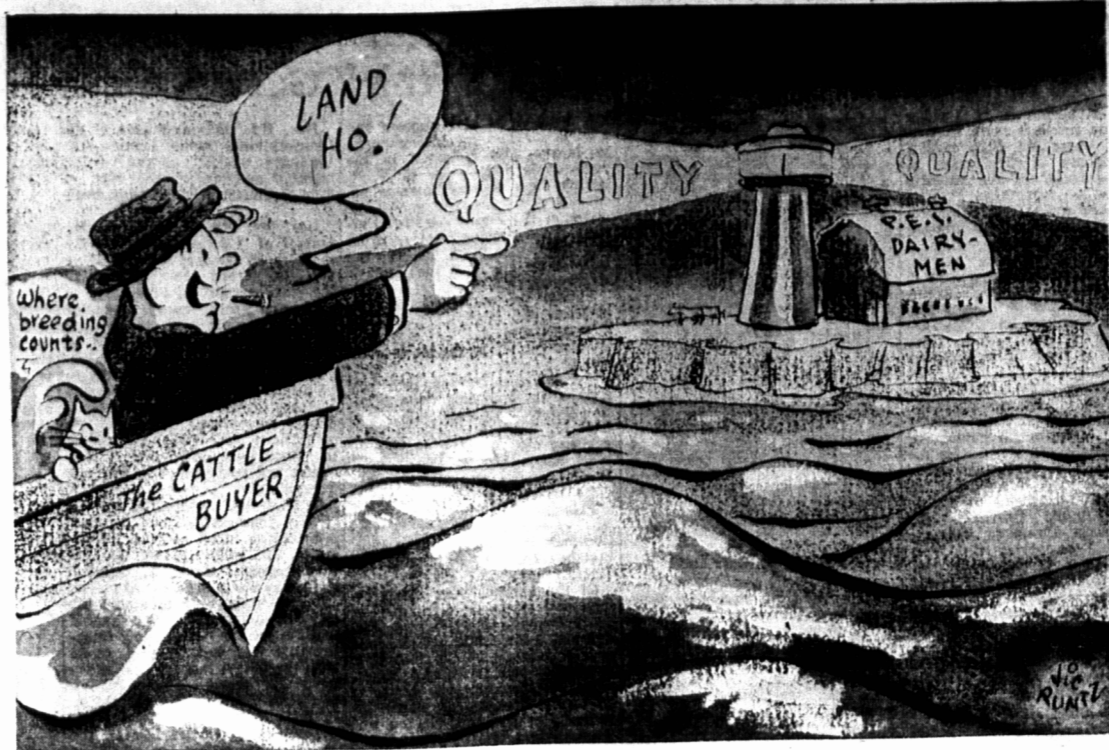
Wherever it has been imposed, whether in Eastern Europe or in Asia, the Communist way of life appears to be a cheerless thing. Apart altogether from its political and economic patterns, which are about as gloomy as could be imagined, there is not an ounce of humor anywhere from the top down...

Some time ago it was reported that a translation of Mark Twain's best known works had taken hold in certain isolated areas of the Soviet Union. Whereupon the authorities became alarmed. They had nothing against Mark Twain, they said, if he could be put to work for the benefit of Marxian culture...

EDITORIAL NOTES

External Affairs Minister Pearson says "there is no need to make an international incident out of this," referring to the tragic death of Ambassador E. Herbert Norman. That may be his opinion, but it is doubtful whether many Canadians share it...

A one-inch pill containing a radio station to broadcast news reports on the health of one's insides is the latest scientific gadget. Demonstrated at the Rockefeller Institute in New York, the pill is a plastic capsule, just over an inch long and less than half an inch around...



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OTTAWA REPORT

The Taxpayers' Money

By Patrick Nicholson

OTTAWA: The taxpayers pay 900 per year. Taking the normal working day of five and a half hours in our House of Commons, a working week of four and a half days, and an average sitting year of twenty-six weeks, our salary bill there works out at about \$5,000 per hour.

NO ATTENTION Attendance in the House of Commons is so bad, and attendance to business by even the handful present is so bad, that the taxpayers get very poor value for their \$5,000 per hour.

Consider for example the hour from four p.m. until five p.m. on a recent Friday afternoon. The fast trains had left for Toronto and Montreal, so the week-end M.P.s from Ontario and Quebec had departed from Ottawa.

The House of Commons was discussing the expenditure of the taxpayers' money. Specifically, Social Credit member F. D. Shaw, representing Red Deer, Alberta, was pleading for some signs that the government is a careful and prudent steward of our money.

"I have watched closely for some comment with respect to the largest single item of expenditure in our budget, namely the 35 cents out of every tax dollar which is allocated to national defence," he said. "It seems significant that over the last three or four weeks I have received quite a number of communications either criticizing the government or asking why it is that the government does not get right down to business and effect essential economies in the field of national defence."

NO ATTENTION Finance Minister Leader John Diefenbaker and his Defence expert, General George Pearkes, were paying keen attention to Mr. Shaw's words. Vancouver's C.C.F. member Erhart Regier was doing the same. So was Finance Minister Walter Harris. So was Vancouver's Elmore Philpott. Three Scored colleagues of Mr. Shaw were paying attention to his words, and that made up the total value being received by taxpayers for our \$5,000 during that hour.

In addition to the eight M.P.s listening to the speaker, there were fourteen other members in the Wild Life Sanctuary.

WILD LIFE SANCTUARY Sir.—The imposing headlines and the persistent mentioning of some of our civic officials in the Wild Life Sanctuary in Victoria Park, which appears on the front page of The Guardian April 9, might at first sight lead one to believe that somebody had found something.

I do not know how many of these beauty spots there are in Canada, but in the U.S.A. they are legion. A friend of mine who has travelled as extensively as anyone on P.E.I. tells me that one visit to such places is enough. The wealth and beauty of nature can be found there. I once had the opportunity of visiting a so-called Wild Life Sanctuary and when I emerged from the litter, mess and stink I said "never again."

At another time I visited a grove that had been taken over by winged wild life. I gazed upon the branches and the trunks of once beautiful trees, and also the ground. Thousands of dollars could not have restored this to its original beauty. One has only to look at the caves, walls and window sills of some of our own residences to see how wild life can beautify them.

I say keep our lovely squares and Park clean; don't try to improve too much the nature. If any of my friends, tourist or otherwise, complains to me about our lack of Zoological Gardens, W.L.S., etc., I say "We don't have them." If he still insists I tell my friend to extend his tour to include equatorial jungles of Africa and if still dissatisfied make his tour include the trans-Caucasian valleys and mountains of our largest continent.

I am, Sir, etc. CHARLOTTE TOWN WALTER CURTIS

per cent interest yearly to amount at end of term to 20 million dollars?

The two-party system has its weakness. It is not used in doing the church's business. We have no personal charge against any member on either side. But we are glad to hear the Provincial Treasurer's suggestion that we may all need repentance. I am Sir, etc. ARCH MACKENZIE Kensington, P.E.I.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The boxer who was knocked down 10 times during a recent bout deserves no sympathy. It was his own fault—he kept getting up.—Kitchener Waterloo Record

But, of course, as a rule, people don't say what they really think. They say what they think their listeners think they ought to think.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

On one road in a good Western Ontario township there are ten farms whose owners, while still living on the farm, are working in the city. Cow herds have been replaced by beef cattle and the farms are grazed not cropped. This is typical of what is going all along the front of old Ontario. Farmer's Advocate

ible now. A cold itself provides only brief immunity from future colds. A vaccine could not be expected to do much better. Besides, colds probably are caused by a large number of different viruses, not just one specific kind. Therefore, to be really effective, a vaccine would have to provide immunity from all of them. This seems to be virtually impossible.

Some doctors say the recently introduced bioflavonoids—I've discussed these previously—appear to offer some help in fighting off colds. In some cases, they have reportedly brought relief. Still, it looks like the aches and pains, the runny noses and the sneezes of the common cold will be around for a long time. QUESTION AND ANSWER H.S.: What are the chances of healing a small and recent hernia by the injection method. Answer: Injection treatment of hernia is sometimes successful. You should consult your physician as to whether or not such treatment is advisable...

The Age Old Story In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Maybe the law recognizes the husband as the head of the house, but the neighbors could often tell a different story.—Calgary Herald

Uncle Oswald says those new car designs remind him of the way his wife leaves a tube of toothpaste—after squeezing it in the middle.—Vancouver Province

After reading the report of Ontario's Alcoholism Research Foundation, one is inclined to believe that pickling has become big business in this province.—Sarnia Canadian Observer

Radio and television are in the entertainment business, and it is with a strong bias toward entertainment values that they present news. The newspapers are still very seriously, in the business of gathering and distributing news, as news.—Peterborough Examiner

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