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The Royal Profile

In a news despatch from London we are told that if Queen Elizabeth decides that her portrait is to appear on coins of the realm in right profile she will be following a tradition which dates back to the 17th century. Ever since the accession of Charles II the face of each succeeding monarch, as it appeared on British coins has been pictured alternately in left and right profile. Accordingly the coins now in circulation portray King George VI in left profile.

There are arguments both for and against the maintenance of traditions. But, notes an exchange, there are a great many traditions which are harmless in themselves and which serve the very useful purpose of strengthening the bonds of relationship and continuity in families, groups and nations. The custom of reversing the minted likenesses of succeeding sovereigns would seem to be one example of such harmless traditions. It may have originated in King Charles II's reluctance "to look in the same direction as Cromwell," but the tradition has long outlived the motive.

Few men or women will take seriously the idea suggested in the London despatch that the facial direction of the coined profile can have any bearing on the likelihood of war or peace. If they approve the tradition it will be simply because it forms another curious thread binding together the colorful fabric of British culture.

Job For Councillor McCormac

Thanks to Charlottetown's early planners this city is blessed with open squares in addition to having the nearby Victoria Park to enable citizens, young and old, to get out of doors and away from city streets. The squares themselves, however, do not automatically provide the answer to the need for recreation. They are a most valuable asset in any programme for making life more enjoyable and safe in the city but the programme must be planned and carried out.

As bigger boys and girls can readily take advantage of the facilities of Victoria Park it is only reasonable that the smaller youngsters receive full consideration in being allowed and encouraged to make use of the various squares. For the past few years there has been equipment provided and supervisors available to meet at least part of the need. It is now the duty of Councillor McCormac to see that facilities are maintained and improved.

The alternative is that children will make playgrounds of the streets, interfering with traffic and endangering their own lives.

Trade Board Activities

A great deal of the work of the Charlottetown Board of Trade is done at its Council meetings, which are held every month and sometimes more frequently. These meetings are not open to the Press, but it has been decided that Press releases should be issued, outlining the business done and the subject matters discussed. Such a resume, it is felt, will be of interest to the public generally as well as to all members of the Board. The first Press release appears in today's Guardian, and might well be headed "Multum in Parvo". We believe it will surprise many of our citizens to note the scope of the Board's activities, and the despatch with which business is handled.

Particularly to be commended is the Board's gesture in the direction of closer contact with the City Council. Members of the latter body will be invited to sit in at Board Council meetings, while the Board undertakes to have two of its members present at all future City Council meetings. This practice, if followed consistently, cannot fail to prove of mutual advantage.

From The Antarctic

An exchange reports the return to London after a two year survey of Queen Maud Land, Antarctica, of a group of British, Norwegian and Swedish scientists. The men have brought evidence that at one time in the earth's dim history the climate of Antarctica was warm, and high on the rocks of the Queen Maud Range they found fossil remains of simple shell fish. The scientists found tiny acarids or mites clinging for sustenance to the primitive lichens, and frozen solid for the greater part of the

year. In their two years stay the British and Scandinavian group explored and mapped hundreds of thousands of square miles, including 800 miles of coast line. They measured the thickness of the ice at 5,000 feet in some areas, the height of the mountains (up to 8,000 feet), and kept a careful record of temperature gradations.

They did not discover, and so far no one has discovered, one friendly feature on the empty wastes of Antarctica. But men can still be found who will take up the challenge of the icy tomb of Shackleton and Scott.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The ice which provided useful short cuts for winter travel now provides only traps for the unwary.

Cuba's 77-minute revolution was certainly startlingly successful. The country must have been really ripe for it.

The old rhyme, "Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink", may be changed today to "Cattle, cattle everywhere and not a pound to eat."

The U. K. budget increases austerity to the many while providing a small measure of prosperity for those participating in family allowances.

The textile workers on the mainland, especially in Upper and Lower Canada, are feeling the pinch of unemployment due to high taxation and foreign competition.

It is so long since the British people have heard anything but more austerity promised in a budget speech that they would hardly have known how to receive an old-time vote-catching budget.

The Army is tightening up on absentees from drill. New Reserve Army regulations restrict leave of absence from training and provide for loss of pay even when the absence is authorized.

The 10th Province has been quick to learn that the Federal Government may easily prove a Santa Claus in time of trouble—it wants compensation for storm damage instead of providing it from provincial revenue.

The debate on the Address opened yesterday in the Legislature. As there are only half-a-dozen members of the Opposition it should not be unduly prolonged, though it is incumbent that it should be thoroughly discussed from all angles.

Our farmers are made to suffer by U. S. A. embargo on our dairy produce, and the Government has given the petition for retaliation a three month's hoist. That is, we will lose our opportunity of a market until such time as the fine weather makes it unnecessary for our neighbours to continue the embargo.

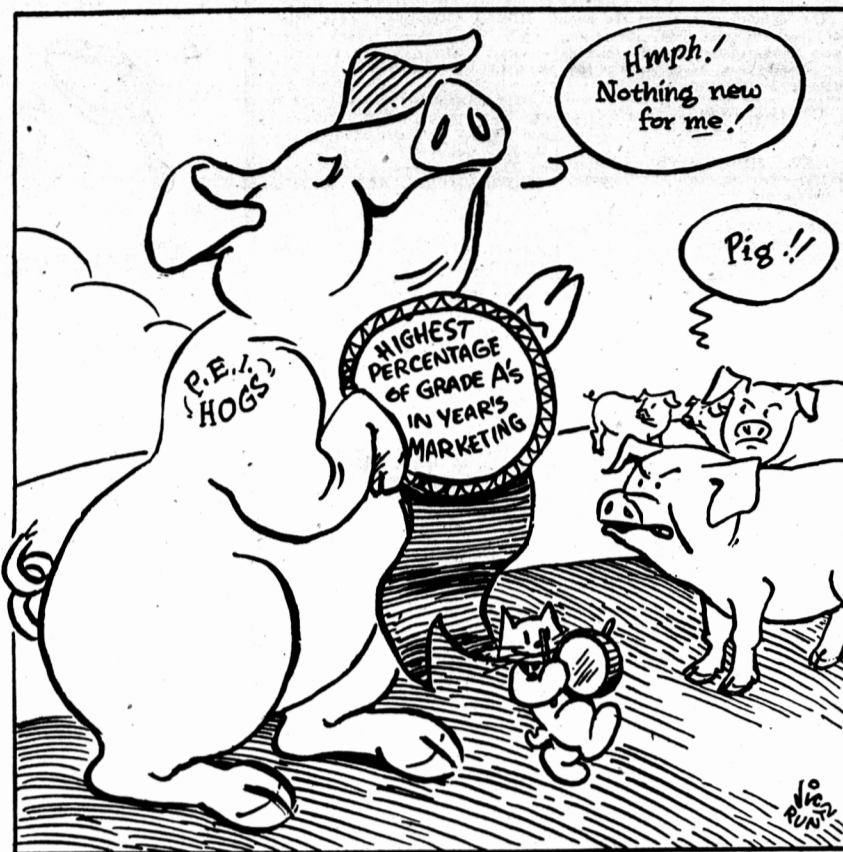
George Earle Buckle, English journalist, died this date 1935. Called to the bar, he never practiced but joined the editorial staff of The Times in 1880, was editor from 1884 until 1912. The Times opposed Home Rule and a series of articles on Parnellism led to a judicial inquiry before a special commissioner. Buckle tendered his resignation but it was not accepted.

If the bans on meat and livestock shipments continue for a long period, storage facilities in some sections (particularly in Eastern Canada and British Columbia) may be over-taxed. In some areas, the deadline is reported by trade sources to be no more than 10 days or two weeks away. If cold storage facilities clog up, a lot of meat spoilage will be the result.

Minds of a good many Ottawa socialites have, says a correspondent, been set at rest. Ever since the appointment of a native-born Canadian to the post of Governor-General, a burning question has been whether ladies would continue to curtsy and gentlemen to bow. Rumor had it that the old practice was to be discarded. It was no more than a rumor. The latest word from Rideau Hall: "As the Queen's representative, Mr. Massey, is fully entitled to the curtsy, and there has been no change."

It is interesting to note that Samuel de Champlain, the great French explorer who died more than 300 years ago, has come back into his own, replacing the traditional scarlet-coated "Mountie" on the cover of Ottawa's tourist guide booklet. Largely at the instance of Mayor Charlotte Whitton, who said Ottawa had other things to offer besides Mounties and that the city's history could well be displayed on the booklet cover, the Tourist and Convention Committee decided ungraciously to scrap the Mountie and replace him with Champlain, an Indian and the Rideau Canal Locks.

Acknowledged Leader



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.

TEACHERS' GRIEVANCES

Sir.—Another Education Week has come and gone but all to no avail. It is true that many fine and splendid get-togethers were staged. Having followed many of them through the Press I came to discover that many of these educational programmes were confined chiefly to teachers.

I just wonder if any of these meetings would have been held if it hadn't been for the enthusiastic teachers. Where were the rest of the people, especially the ones who seem to know it all when it comes to knocking the teacher? Having entered the teaching profession approximately six years ago, I find it is the most unappreciated profession one could enter. It is pretty hard to believe that any person could stand up and tell their own district teacher that they are getting too much money. Yet I was told and am being told every day, that same thing. When I returned the question to the person above mentioned, "Would you board your teacher here for the supplement which he or she is being voted from the district?" a blank answer was what I received.

The teaching profession would and could be a wonderful undertaking if it wasn't for the fault-finding parents. They should be taken to the Western part of Canada, Regina to be exact, and thrown into the pits to which the infected cattle are doomed. Nothing would suit me better than to see all such fault-finders punished. Some people can give a teacher such cutting and ignorant remarks that I often wonder what they would do if they were teachers themselves.

A second reason why this Province has few teachers is, because of the low standard of salaries. Who can afford to live on a meagre salary such as we teachers of P. E. I. receive? I would love to see Premier Jones live on a teacher's salary today. Yet he said on the radio the other night that teachers were being well paid. Who ever told him a teacher was well paid on P. E. I.? Perhaps if he would get on his feet and parade from 8.30 in the morning until 5.30 in the evening, around a ten-room classroom, he would speak quite differently. If he worked on this day in and day out, week in and week out, he would never want to travel over the Trans-Canada Highway route which he proposed. The classroom route would be tiresome enough.

With the Teachers' Convention coming up an Education Week should insist on more equitable treatment for the services we perform. If it were not for substandard salaries and fault-finding parents, the teaching profession would be the most wonderful in the world, and there would be no difficulty in filling its ranks in this Province.

I am, Sir, etc. ONE OF MANY POORLY PAID TEACHERS.

The Poet's Corner

FROM A NORTHERN VIGIL ... The night is cold, The ghostly moonlight fills Hollow and rift and fold Of the eerie Arctide hills! The windows of my room Are dark with bitter frost, The stillness aches with doom Of something loved and lost. Outside, the great blue star Burns in the ghostland pale, Where giant Algebar Holds on the endless trail. Come, for the years are long And silence keeps the door, Where shapes with the shadows throng The hreth chamber floor. —Bliss Carman.

Notes By The Way

An Atlanta watchman who fell asleep on his shotgun awoke to discover it had been stolen. The alleged tactician who cautioned his soldiers to sleep on their muskets now looks suspiciously like a fifth columnist. — Windsor Daily Star.

A rural telephone company has ruled that after five minutes' telephone conversation, the line will be cut off for the loquacious subscriber. It is quite a sensible ruling, too. The time may come when telephone services will be based on charges for a limited number of conversations per month and additional charges for extra usage. — St. Catharines Standard.

It is doubtful if the majority of American visitors ever were lured here by the advantage in dollar exchange to them. They came here primarily for rest and change, in quest of something different and something new. They seek adventure and recreation and scenery as yet unmarred by the hand of man. What they seek here they find away from the cities—a land of pristine character where there is refreshment in the scene and in the breath from the surging waters. — Nelson News.

As a sign of the times, Canadian currency is not only being accepted in New York, often at par, but there are signs proclaiming "We want your Canadian money" in stores and hotels. For incoming travelers, Manhattan's "polite" taxi drivers now even take a Canadian \$2 bill without the fishy-eyed stare reserved for inflated Chinese Nationalist and Confederate money. Similar reports have been received from Buffalo, N. Y., the Canadian shopping centre where the sudden desire for Canadian money since it was freed from exchange control has been proclaimed on store window stickers. — Toronto Financial Post.

Canadians Today

(Ottawa Journal) Mr. Hugh MacLennan, one of our foremost novelists, has been telling the Ottawa Women's Canadian Club that youthful Canadians and Canadians of middle-age aren't the dumb, dull fellows some magazine writers have described.

Mr. MacLennan disputed sharply, and we think with justice, the accuracy of the picture of the typical middle-aged Canadian male as a chap who drinks too much, eats too much, smokes too much, one whose religious beliefs are in a state of confusion; a chap who gets little comfort from his family because he is so busy making money that he sees little of them, and little comfort from his money because he is afraid of losing it. Nor does the novelist agree that the average youth is a dull boy, unadventurous, raised on comic strips, and concerned more with a pension at 65 than with the joys of a full round life.

The Ago-Old Story

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. . . . And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.

The fundamental value of education is that it fits one to enjoy a full life, to make maximum use of one's talents and to serve one's fellowmen the better. But its financial advantages cannot be ignored. These are shown by the situation in Toronto, where the University of Toronto has 2,000 students listed as awaiting graduation. This is at a time when there are 30,000 unemployed in that city. The jobs carry starting salaries of \$300 to \$35 monthly. Other things being equal, the well-educated person has the best opportunity of securing positions, and the well-paid positions at that. The placement bureau at the university, incidentally, is an asset to industries and others seeking bright young graduates and to the students who are seeking positions. In the old days, the university graduate didn't have such help. He had to grope around for a job all by himself. — Windsor Daily Star.

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"The P. E. Island Steam Navigation Company boats served a good purpose for the past twenty years, but they are not now equal to the wants of the service. My suggestion would be, place steamers between Summerside and Shediac, Charlottetown and Pictou, to run during the opening of navigation, subject to orders of the Marine and Fisheries Department as to timetable and freight charges. These boats should, in my opinion, be paddle boats with flush sides, such as run between Saint John, Portland and Boston. Such a service ought to be satisfactorily performed for the subsidy we at present pay of ten thousand dollars. These with the steam ferry at Cape Traverse ought to meet the wants of the case.

"Next in importance is the question of our Atlantic steamboat connection, so necessary to the mercantile community to carry off our cattle, oats, starch, canned meats, etc. It has been said that the sale of the 'Prince Edward' has proven the fact that such a steamer cannot be made to pay with the subsidy of \$1500 per trip which she received from the Dominion Government. I am of a very different opinion, and a recent conversation with the agent of the 'Prince Edward', Messrs. Peak Bros. & Co., has only more fully established it. The steamer we require is one less costly, and carrying more freight—in fact a freight steamer instead of a combined passenger-freight boat, which was unsuitable to our wants. Such a boat as I have mentioned, receiving \$1500 per trip or \$7500 subsidy for the season, could not fail to pay a handsome dividend to her owners."

The Passing Scene

By Observer A LETTER TO THE PREMIER I

My dear Mr. Premier, With much respect I take the liberty of addressing this open letter to you on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Legislature, that living and useful instrument of free and representative government.

No greater honour can come to any man than that which has fallen to your lot, government leadership in your native land. Without any thought of flattery, and as one who has never taken any part in the deliberations of any political party, I believe that when the history of your long tenure in the Premier's office is written, it will indicate that you served your Province with honour and distinction. Your political opponents, following traditional tactics, are in the habit of saying all manner of political evil about you, but they, too, I am sure, respect you for your ability, honesty, and straightforwardness. No doubt you have made mistakes and, if I judge your temperament at all correctly, you would be one of the last persons in the world to claim infallibility in political judgment or in any other kind for that matter.

In a Province like ours, where agriculture may be called the well-spring of economic life, it is all to the good when the Premier brings to his office wide knowledge, both theoretical and practical, of the science of agriculture. That you have been able to do this, I venture to suggest, one outstanding reason why your appeals to the electorate have been so eminently successful.

Some of the prophets and stargazers among us are saying that this will be your last session of the Legislature, that soon after the melting of the snow you will retire gracefully from the political battle lines into the benign shelter of the Canadian Senate. I, for one, would be very sorry if that prophecy were to come to fulfillment. Not that there would be anything disgraceful about it. Many good men have ended up that way without, apparently, forgetting the respect of their friends and neighbours. There is no doubt that, as a sinecure, a Senatorship is most admirable but, somehow, it is difficult to think of you as a man who would covet a sinecure of any sort. My opinion is that you would be sick and tired of the boredom and ennui within a month and long to get back to the exhilaration of the active political scene.

But whether you go to the Senate or remain where you are, may I suggest with all the sincerity I can command, that, in the meanwhile, there are one or two matters of importance to the body politic, apart altogether from normal acts of administration, to which you should put your hands? There may be others who could attend to them just as well — I would not presume to pass judgment on that one way or the other — but while you are Premier it is your duty as well as your privilege to take the lead in anything pertaining to the common good.

If this should involve greater measure of originality in political thinking or even a little more courage in combating the evils of laissez-faire, so much the better. You have shown these traits before with no harm to yourself or to anyone else.

One thing that irritates me, and I am certain the irritation is felt by a great many thinking people, is the almost endless talk about relatively trivial matters that goes on whenever the Legislature is in session. The right of free speech is, of course, part, and a very important part, of our democratic heritage. In no circumstances should the people's representatives be denied that right, but I do not think it includes a license for every member to give

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