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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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Annual School Meetings

The annual school meetings are being held in the various districts throughout the rural communities of the Province on Tuesday next, and once again attention is directed to the great importance of these gatherings.

Needless to say, the prompt payment of teacher supplements is just as important as the voting of the amounts. The Department urges that if necessary the money should be borrowed by the district for this purpose.

Grass Drying

Ireland is universally recognized as a leader in grass production and feeding so that it is interesting to observe that that country is turning away from the usual methods of putting up hay.

"It has been established beyond doubt that the most efficient method of preserving grass is by artificial drying, which retains practically all the nutrients without loss or damage," declared Minister of Agriculture Walshe.

B.C.'s Political Debacle

Commenting sadly on the confused election result in British Columbia, the Winnipeg Free Press interprets it as "basically a rebuke to the old line Parties."

In the first place, the Liberal Party undoubtedly has received a grave set-back. It expected to lead all others easily on the count of the first-choice votes.

Second, the Conservative Party has been almost extinguished as a force in provincial politics. It may end with not more than three or four members in the Legislature.

Third, Social Credit, without a leader, without any clear policy, certainly without the monetary doctrine of Social Credit and with only a few months to organize, has

established itself as a going concern by an unexpected sweep of possibly a dozen rural ridings. It appears that Social Credit has simply taken over from the Conservative Party, the leadership of the right in British Columbia.

Clearly, adds our Winnipeg Liberal contemporary, this is not a vote for Social Credit as a theory since it was never raised as an issue. It is a vote of protest against the old Parties.

Legion Compensation Proposal

Eight years ago, the Canadian Legion called attention to the absence of any provision in the Veterans' Charter for passing on to families the benefits of wartime service—such as re-establishment credits and government-financed training—which would have been granted to the fathers upon their return to civilian life.

Costing about \$2,345,000, the plan would operate for 17 years. If it were to be undertaken immediately, about \$60,000 would be needed in the coming year to finance the educational or vocational training of these young Canadians; by 1961-62, a maximum of \$260,000 would be expended.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 2nd Sunday after Trinity.

The Longest Day. Astronomically speaking Summer begins at 7:13 a.m.

More than 25 million gallons of ice cream were manufactured in Canada in 1951, which required approximately 450 million pounds of milk.

The activities at the Provincial Exhibition Association plant indicate that this year's Old Home Week will be bigger and better than ever, with Children's Day added as an important new feature.

It is reported that the first agricultural society in United States history was formed in 1784 in South Carolina, and by 1860 there were approximately 1,000 such societies throughout the country.

The fishermen's insurance proposals put forward by Fisheries Minister Mayhew would certainly provide low-cost insurance for the fisherman, the two Governments paying a large part.

Mount Stewart was both unfortunate and lucky in its fire Thursday night. The loss of five buildings is serious but the fire could readily have spread much farther.

Without benefit of wheat-pool payments, the Prince Edward Island farmers had a cash income of \$6,946,000 for the first quarter, up from \$5,667,000 for the same period last year.

Friedrich Froebel, founder of the first kindergarten, died this date 1852. Unity of nature was the conception in him which dominated all others.

The increase in civic water rates, to go into effect July 1, is due to higher power costs and as such will have to be accepted philosophically. Certainly there has been little criticism with regard to the efficiency of our water works administration, and it is highly important that the standard of service be maintained.

"A Southampton business man appeared in Court the other day (says Sam Pollock) charged with obstruction—he runs a furniture shop, and the alleged obstruction was caused by people standing on the pavement watching one of his craftsmen making an armchair. After he had been fined a pound, the proprietor told a reporter he couldn't understand it. 'Last week,' he said, 'we put a girl in a nightgown in the window to advertise a dressing table. The crowd overflowed into the road, but,' he said, 'there was no complaint then.'"

Towards More Complete Coverage



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.

OUR VACANT FARMS

Sir,—In 1944 that old gentleman of blessed memory, Mr. Hemming, friend of the P. E. Island farmers, told me there are here about 600 vacant farms, with an average of 35 acres, or, in all, 51,000 acres.

But the main reason for this drift away from the farm lies in the fact that farming has never been given its proper place of distinction in our society. The professions are exalted, the politicians are honoured, business men and industrialists have a large place but the farmer as such, unless he commits a crime, a rare thing, hardly gets into the papers.

The enticement of the city is stronger than the call of the soil, though it may be, and often is, the call of God as surely as is a call into the ministry of religion. The late President Roosevelt, with penetrating insight, once remarked: "If there is one lesson taught by history it is that the permanent greatness of any state must ultimately depend more upon the character of its country population than upon anything else. No growth of cities, no growth of wealth can make up for the loss in character of the farming population. It is upon the welfare of the rural population, material and moral, that the welfare of the rest of the nation ultimately rests."

The church too can help, by championing more vigorously the cause of the rural church; and the importance of the farming vocation. Some time ago, I visited a community where the minister, with the co-operation of his church officials, put a new spirit

Old Charlottetown

(And F. E. L.)

CASCUMPEC HARBOUR

The following account is from a lengthy article appearing in the Moncton Times, July 4, 1861:

"It was our good fortune upon a late occasion to join in a pleasure excursion to the harbour of Cascumpec, on board the good steamer 'Princess Royal', through the kind invitation of the proprietors of that excellent boat. We left Point du Chene on Wednesday afternoon, having among our fellow excursionists a number of strangers from the New England States. We may mention Mr. Hill, of the Boston Journal, Mr. Adams, of the Portland Argus, Mr. Beckett, Messrs. Fox, of Portland, also Mr. Bacon and Mr. Hamlin, connected with some of the Eastern Lines of Railway."

"On Wednesday night we anchored under Kildare Head, and at daylight on Thursday morning got under way and reached Cascumpec Harbour at 6 a.m. The appearance of the steamer in this part of the Island was an entire novelty, ours being the first that had ever been there."

"We found Cascumpec Harbour to be one of the safest and most commodious which can be desired; and fall of the tide is only between three and four feet, but in order to obviate this difficulty a Marine railway dock is about to be erected of sufficient size to admit two ordinary sized schooners being hauled up at once. The cost of this Railway Dock will be from \$4,000 to \$5,000; the capital is already subscribed; an Act of Assembly obtained, and a company fully organized for carrying out the project."

"One very important fact which we very soon discovered, and it ought to be rather a humiliating circumstance to us as colonists, is that the whole of the trade is at present carried on by American citizens, supported by foreign capital, and that almost every schooner that enters Cascumpec Harbour belongs to our friends across the line. The principal business men here are Mr. Ryder and Mr. Howland. The former is American Consul and is by far the most important man in that locality. He owns a wharf, store, cooperage, blacksmith shop, boat shop, etc., besides several dwelling houses. Both these gentlemen are excellent specimens of shrewd, calculating, driving merchants, fully alive to money making, and possessing all the intelligence and hospitality peculiar to their class."

"The value and importance of opening up a direct intercourse between Cascumpec and the United States is a matter which is now attracting the attention of parties interested on both sides of the line, and the present trip was undertaken with that object in view quite as much as the mere matter of a pleasure jaunt; and the information obtained by our American friends will be of orth with communicated to the public through the leading journals of New England."

into farm life, resulting in better crops, improved stock, good roads, electricity and telephones in every house. This case, of course, is unusual, due to the minister's special aptitude for this line of work; but, without doubt, the average minister can help, if he can see the need; and it would greatly help the cause of real religion. I am, Sir, etc. W. I. GREEN Stanley Bridge.

ENDS LONG SERVICE

SASKATOON (CP)—Dr. Walter S. Lindsay, Dean of the College of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan since 1926, retired at the end of term recently.

The Poet's Corner

THE SCRIBE

What lovely things They hand hath made: The smooth-plumed bird In its emerald shade, The seed of the grass, The speck of stone Which the wayfaring and Stirs—and hastens on!

Though I should sit By some tarn in thy hills, Using its ink As the spirit will To write of Earth's wonders, Its live, wild things Fit would the age On soundless wings Ere unto My pen drew nigh; Leviathan told And the honey-fly!

And still would remain My wit to try— My word needs broken, The dark tarn dry, All words forgotten— Thou, Lord, and I.

—Walter de la Mare.

The Age-Old Story

And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy; and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him. And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus. And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone? But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house. And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

Viscount Bennett Memorial

(Saint John Telegraph Journal) New Brunswick citizens of all political affiliations will be pleased by the announcement that a suitable monument to the memory of Viscount Bennett, a former prime minister of Canada and one of this province's most distinguished sons, is to be erected at Hopewell Cape.

It was natural that Calgary, which was Viscount Bennett's home for many years in adult life, should wish to have the long-planned memorial located there. But there was an equally strong feeling, or even stronger, in this part of Canada that the logical site would be in the Hopewell area, where the statesman-to-be was born and attended school. He resided there until, as a young man, he began his course of study at Provincial Normal School. The old New Brunswick scenes were always close to his heart, and in later years he lost no opportunity to revisit them, despite the pressure of national affairs on his time and attention.

The announcement by Mr. Daniel A. Riley, M.P. for Saint John Albert, that his request for a memorial at Hopewell Cape has been granted, and that the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada will erect two monuments, the other at Calgary, fin-

Further Tributes

The following were among the further tributes received to the memory of Mr. J. R. Burnett, late Editor and Managing Director of The Guardian:

From Hon. A. E. Arsenault, retired Justice of the Supreme Court and former Premier: "I had known Mr. Burnett over forty years, when on the purchase of The Guardian, of which I was then a shareholder, he was engaged as Editor. We became very good friends and it was always a pleasure to occasionally spend some time with him discussing the events of the day and reminiscing about old times."

"He was a gentleman of the old school and his passing will leave a void in the Province."

From Hon. Robert H. Winters, Minister of Resources and Development, Ottawa:

"I learned with regret of the passing of Mr. Burnett, who for so many years successfully edited the Charlottetown Guardian. It is quite obvious that he was able to accomplish much in his broad span of years, and I am sure that his passing will be difficult to sustain. This applies to the entire community but most especially to the surviving members of the family."

From Mr. H. L. Enman, President of the Bank of Nova Scotia: "For a great many years I have followed Mr. Burnett's editorials and opinions in The Guardian, which have always been held in high respect, displaying as they did a keen insight into the problems of the community, and the country's affairs in general."

From Senator George H. Barbour, Ottawa: "The people of Prince Edward Island have greatly benefited for many years by Mr. Burnett's masterly editorials in The Charlottetown Guardian. The Kirk, which he loved dearly, has lost one of its most valued members; the City one of its outstanding and oldest citizens."

From Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, M.P., Ottawa: "I was fairly well acquainted with Mr. Burnett and I admired very much his integrity, his fine literary style and his high journalistic ethics. He made The Guardian into a very reputable journal."

From Mr. J. Angus MacLean, M.P., Ottawa: "Mr. Burnett was always a great inspiration and encouragement to me and his counsel has been invaluable to me on many occasions. His facts help me to realize a little bit what a great loss his family have suffered. However, he has left a legacy of character and example which I know will be an ample source of strength and support to them through their entire lives."

From Mr. J. G. Diefenbaker, M.P., dated from Seattle, Wash.: "Mr. Burnett was a great man whose devotion to the interests of his country, and his attitude of his Province, can never be forgotten. I shall always remember a visit that I had with him last November during a visit I made to Charlottetown. It was and will remain a memory as well as an inspiration."

From Mr. George C. Nowlan, M.P., Ottawa: "Mr. Burnett had achieved an enviable position in the journalistic life of his country, and particularly in his own Province. His memory will be respected by all who knew him. I am sure that the traditions which he has established will be maintained in the conduct of the paper which was so much a part of his life work."

From The Montreal Star: "James Robertson Burnett, aged 81, died shortly after he left the office of Charlottetown's Guardian of the Gulf of which he was the publisher. This sturdy Scot, a renowned Maritime newspaper figure, who spent almost 40 years in Charlottetown, always with The Guardian. He had played an honorable and active role in news gathering, and never forgot his paper's first duty was to protect the interests of Prince Edward Island. The guardian of The Guardian will be sorely missed."

From The Ottawa Journal: "The sudden death of Mr. J. R. Burnett, editor and chief of the Charlottetown Guardian for many years will be widely mourned by newspapermen throughout Canada. He made his paper the voice and champion of Prince Edward Island's causes. Born in Scotland he had been for over 60 years in active journalism and apparently in good health until his last day alive at his editorial desk."

From The Halifax Chronicle-Herald: "News of the death of James Robertson Burnett, publisher and managing editor of The Charlottetown Guardian, has been received here with regret. Mr. Burnett was a man of high character and a fine journalist. He was a member of the front line of events in which six British sovereigns were the central figures. While engaged on the papers in his native Aberdeen, he reported outstanding happenings at Balmoral Castle and in the Queen Victoria, King Edward VII and King George VI had personally participated in the course of visits there."

"Then since coming to Canada he had likewise chronicled events connected with the royal tours of the Prince of Wales, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and last year that of the present Queen, then the Princess Elizabeth and her consort, the Duke of Edinburgh. And he had the honor of having been presented, as a member of the royal party, to one of these regal personages. Mr. Burnett, Prince Edward Island has lost a loyal and staunch champion of its interests. Indeed, all of the other Atlantic Provinces have also been bereft of one who never failed to give strong advocacy for recognition of rights unfilled and energetic support of all causes destined to benefit this part of Canada."

"All the way he was a Canadian citizen of the finest type, and as a Scot he retained a strong attachment for the land of his birth. The Aberdeen exemplified that splendid tenet he always adhered, as everyone who ever had the pleasure of meeting him will recall on this occasion when his tributes are being paid in his memory."