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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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The New Power Rates

The feature about the new scale of electric rates published yesterday is that they represent the first overall revision of rates in this Province based on a carefully determined cost of service rendered.

The rates, themselves, are set according to that rate base, each class of consumer paying the cost of the service rendered except in the case of the small rural consumer, who in spite of an increase in minimum charge from \$2.75 to \$4.00 continues to receive power below cost of production.

The overall picture is that the customer with a good "demand factor", i. e., having a consistent load without extreme peaks, gets all his power at a reduced rate, while those whose demand is high for brief periods pay more.

The heavy demand charges imposed on general service customers is designed to relieve the situation in which plant capacity is fully used only during the months of December and January between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m.

It means that a farmer can have as many articles of electrical equipment as he wishes without paying any connected load charge, but must exercise prudence in not using too many gadgets at one time, putting him in a higher bracket of simultaneous demand.

Socialization Medicine

The British Socialist Government is attempting to come to terms with the British Medical Association in the dispute over the remuneration of its membership. For many months, officials of the British Medical Association have been negotiating with the Ministry of Health for increased pay for services under the socialized-medicine program.

Under Government Management

Agriculture Minister Gardiner has decided that not only will butter imports be necessary but that a board representing his Department should do the importing and handle the distribution.

Whatever may be the special reasons that prompted the Government to re-enter the produce business, the Ottawa Journal maintains that the move is questionable. In wartime when vast deals were negotiated directly between governments it was likely right and proper that food buying and selling should be in the hands of Government officials.

Mr. Gardiner's policy fails utterly to get at the root of this problem. It will not provide a pound of extra milk or butter from Canadian production, and to encourage more dairy production for all purposes is one of the great needs in Canada today.

"For a multitude of reasons, but mainly because of high meat prices and lack of farm help, the Canadian dairy industry, which once ranked as a big exporter, is

today a sick industry. It is an industry plagued by lack of confidence in the future. To restore that confidence, to get the milk flowing again, should be the prime aim of the Government, not to start meddling with importing, buying and selling butter.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Exhibition—Old Home Week's prime attraction.

Judging by the heavy passenger traffic by sea, rail and air all means of travel lead to the Island.

The German Communist youth seem to differ mainly in name from Hitler Fascists. Their objective is the same, "Germany over all", with the assistance of the Soviets.

Greater New York has more than six times the population of Greater London, according to an American comparison. In this day and age it means six times the number of people who would prefer to be elsewhere should trouble occur.

Lord Louth, of St. Helier, Isle of Jersey, grandson of a Jersey barmaid, has further enhanced the family nobility by marrying a plumber's daughter. The family's motto is "Make haste slowly".

The American House of Representatives un-American Activities committee has extended its scope to besmirch a Canadian, to whom our own security authorities give an unqualified clean bill of health.

John Galsworthy, British playwright and novelist, was born this date 1867, died January 31, 1933. His sequence of novels known as "The Forsyte Saga" gives a detailed picture of upper middle-class society during the later Victorian and Edwardian eras.

The percentage of Scots speaking Gaelic has fallen from 2.67 in 1931 to 1.8 in 1951. This trend is revealed in the preliminary report on the 15th census of Scotland which has just been published.

There are at least two sides to every question. Mr. Donald C. MacDonald, National Treasurer of the C.C.F. writing to the Gazette says "attempts to associate the C.C.F. with Marx are as pathetic as they are persistent. Consider the latest example. The paragraph in Arthur Blakeley's column dealing with the establishment of a new Socialist International is headed simply: Marx. Just how far off the beam the implications of that heading are may be judged from the disinterested observation of the London Economist (July 7). Referring to the 'Aims and Tasks of Democratic Socialism', which were accepted unanimously by the 34 Socialist parties comprising the new International, the Economist describes them as 'a statement of principles in which the spirit of the Webbs and Keynes trample on the ghost of Marx'."

Is chocolate milk as nutritious for children as plain milk? That is the question that is agitating Montreal health authorities in general and the Catholic School Commission in particular. Two years ago the Commission banned it for children attending their schools. This year the Catholic Students Social Welfare Bureau asked that the chocolate milk again be permitted to be sold in the schools. In a letter to the commission the bureau said that the children did not drink more white milk when they could not get chocolate milk. Instead they drank "pop" and similar soft drinks which were even less nutritious than chocolate milk.

This Is The Children's Hour



Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

EASTERN FARM SOCIETY At St. Andrew's Point on July 13, 1831, an adjourned meeting of farmers and other inhabitants of Three Rivers (Georgetown) and Murray Harbour was held, which proved of much subsequent importance to all concerned.

The rules and regulations drawn up at this organization meeting contain some interesting features. The Society pledged itself to "labor to procure for the farmer a remunerating market for his surplus grain produce, by establishing a permanent grain market with Britain."

Each member on admission was obliged to pay the sum of five shillings, and the like sum yearly thereafter on the first day of January. One general meeting was to be held yearly on the last Wednesday in January, the committee being required to meet on the first Thursday of each month.

Among other things the Society undertook to "endeavour to diffuse in the Old Country such a knowledge of the superior agricultural advantages of this Colony, as shall induce to come among us farmers of capital, who now go elsewhere, from ignorance of the capabilities of our soil," in strict union with the Central Agricultural Society, and give its firm support to every measure that may have a tendency to mature the chief, if not the only hope of this Colony—its agriculture.

The Poet's Corner

CORN WEATHER I am the corn. Listen to me. How can you men who dwell in towns Know what the weather ought to be? Give me an ardent sun, pursuing Dawn mists while my tasseled ranks Rustle and bow to the south wind's wooing; Greet with a hymn of thanks The splendid heat of the summer noon. Sung to the locust's ancient tune. As I lie in the arms of the sultry night, My roots spread wide and deep, And the pulse of my growth is pure delight. While the hungry cities sleep, Out of the fertile womb of earth I bring the golden ears to birth. So I hear your complaints with obsessive glee, You fretful men who dwell in towns. How can you tell what the weather should be? —Una W. Hanson.

Big Ben Catches Cold

(London Correspondent, Ottawa Journal) To the Germans Big Ben, the world's Public Clock Number One, is "Gross Benjamin"; to the French he is "Beeg Ben". But Big Ben is not really a clock at all. The clock is officially called "The Great Westminster Clock" and Big Ben is the giant bell which chimes the hours, weighing as much as two double-decker buses and named after Sir Benjamin Hall, First Commissioner for Works in 1858 when the clock was erected.

The bell itself is cracked—not surprising when one considers that it is struck by a four hundred pound hammer nearly 37,000 times a year. Year by year his timing remains accurate to within a fifth of a second, though there were times during the war when, shaken and blasted by near-by bombs, he was inclined to be temperamental. Big Ben suffers from colds too. In hard weather there has sometimes been a dull, nasal tone to his chimes, separately caused by the hardening of a piece of rubber from which the hammer rebounded, with the result that the clapper did not rebound quickly enough. This was due to the cold weather and the remedy has been to replace this "buffer" with one of special rubber—immune to Arctic temperatures.

The Age-Old Story

Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out thy arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee. . . . Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day, and in Israel, and among other men; and hast made thee a name, as at this day.

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Notes By The Way

Having finally got out a guide-us now — not even an editorial in the event of an atomic bomb attack on this country, the Federal Health Department "wants it to be as wide a distribution as possible." Therefore, says an Ottawa despatch, the ten-cent book can be secured from the King's Printer and from provincial and municipal civil defence authorities. If the aim were to secure a strictly limited sale, that is the right way to go about it.

According to the barbarians, cricket is mostly concerned with white flannels and afternoon tea, and a minimum of exertion on the playing field. It is true that it is still not considered good form (although the Australians are smashing that tradition) to shout and yell and make rude remarks about the opposition or the umpires. It is better to murmur "Oh, played, sir!" than to scream "Oh, fielder!" "Drop it ya bum!" If cricket has earned a reputation in North America, for a certain lack of robustness, this is partly its own fault. To those familiar with both baseball and cricket, the latter game has one defect which can be pretty maddening. After every six balls (some wild-eyed revolutionaries have extended this to eight balls) the whole field changes over, and the play is interrupted. The players do not trot briskly to their new positions, but saunter, with the dignity that their cricketing forbears made a tradition. Still cricket can be an exciting spectacle — once its principles are grasped. There are periods of furious action, of heart-stopping suspense, as a team doggedly battles against the clock to get the necessary runs to win, of brilliant catches, of drives to the boundary, of deadly bowling and stumping. Incidentally, other sports thought well enough of cricket to borrow one of its phrases, the "trick," which means taking three wickets in three successive balls—Ottawa Citizen.

It must be true, as Finance Minister Abbott assures us, that inflation is a worldwide phenomenon. How else to explain the news from Scotland? A new five pound note — purple instead of white — is being issued there. "Scottish bankers said the new notes would wear better." The meaning of this is unmistakable. The old notes were being circulated so rapidly — and, we may assume, treated so carelessly — that they couldn't stand the gaff. New, more durable ones are to be substituted. So fades the glory that was Glasgow, the grandeur that was Galashiels. There was a time (economists may deny it, but the world knows it is true) when the Scots, so far as circulating their money rapidly, did not circulate it at all. A banknote, or even a piece of silver, falling into Scottish hands knew nothing from then on but peace, perfect peace. Never again would it see the harsh light of day. That time, it would seem, is over. The Scots are throwing their money around with the same highhearted contempt as the rest of us. What's a pound? What's five pounds? Nothing would surprise

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