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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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We Are A Pacific Nation Too

Australian concern about the growing power of Russia in the Far East is reflected in the plaintive declaration of the Sydney Daily Telegraph that: "Canada might have done better than send her Minister of Fisheries (R. W. Mayhew) as leader of her delegation" to the first meeting of Commonwealth Ministers on Economic Aid to Southeast Asia, due to be held in Sydney in May.

The Island continent is all too obviously affected by any change in the balance of power in the Pacific but almost equally, though less obviously, this country is also directly interested. Not only have we an extensive Pacific coastline, but the distance between Canadian soil and that dominated by Russia is markedly less than is the case with Australia.

Future And The Dairy Cow

The Federal Department of Agriculture, in its desire to promote a better use of food as well as a better use of land, is resuming through its Consumers' Section and other departmental agencies, former peacetime activities in getting Canadian people better acquainted with home produced foods.

During the next two months, dairy products, which logically form part of a national program of conservation—from soils to men—will be featured throughout the country. Here are a few facts which any producer or consumer should keep in mind:

(1) Dairy products are basic products; in any health program, in any daily diet, they command priority, whether it be for children or adults.

(2) Dairy industry in Canada is perhaps the best guarantee of stability for the large majority of our farming population—the cow is the home market for grasses and grasses are a "must" in soil conservation.

(3) Canadians are inclined to take for granted the abundance of our dairy products and use them loosely whereas we should take advantage of those abundant supplies to bring our diet into a better balance and improve our standard of living.

(4) For the same amount of money, the consumer cannot get the same essentials from other foods as those supplied by dairy products—calories in butter and protein in milk are cheaper than in most other farm products.

(5) Butter itself takes almost half of our milk production and constitutes one of the best channels—in some cases the only channel—through which milk produced from small farms located far from consuming centres can be marketed.

(6) Cheese is a high protein food, the consumption of which could be increased if our population had a better knowledge of this product—our average consumption is 4 or 5 pounds a year whereas it is between 15 and 20 pounds in such countries as Denmark and Switzerland.

These are only a few among many reasons which justify the Department fostering a movement for a more thorough knowledge of dairy products on the part of the consumers as well as of the producers themselves.

Soldiers Becoming Airborne

Canada's Reserve Force soldiers are not yet officially "airborne", but this year, especially in eastern Canada, they are taking to the air to speed up training and cut down the time lag in getting to and from training areas.

In recent weeks at least three officers commanding Reserve Force units have arranged R. C. A. F. flights for their men.

On a recent week-end 14 officer-cadets of the 4th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, Ottawa, flew 200 miles to Camp Borden for a day's special training on equipment not available at their local headquarters—a trip that by road would have taken up all their time—and another Ottawa unit, the 3rd Field Squadron, R.C.E., completed plans for a training exercise by air at North Bay, Ont., in May. Still another, the 51st Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Montreal, will fly almost 100 officers and men to Picton, Ont., for summer training in July.

The flights exercise Reserve troops in moves by air—something they may be required to become used to in the event of an emergency. They are not much more expensive than long convoys by road and already have proven their worth as time savers. Members of the Reserve Force have little enough time off from their civilian jobs for training, and air trips put them right on the spot where training is to be

carried out in record time.

Earlier this year still another airborne touch was added to Reserve Force training when a number of Reserve Force officers were sent to the Canadian Joint Air Training Centre at Rivers, Man., for an important Army-Air offensive support course. At the Active Force School they were briefed in procedures a staff officer should know in order to work effectively with an air force in supplying offensive support to ground troops.

EDITORIAL NOTES

April 30 falling this year on Sunday, taxpayers will have until May 1 to file their income returns.

The expression prowler or prowler car for police car is far from being appropriate. Beast of prey and criminals prow, indeed, but when policemen make their rounds guarding the public they are on patrol.

Bringing the M. V. Eskimo into Charlottetown harbour Tuesday by direction through the ice floes from the air was a real "combined operation." Shipping manager Reddall evidently does not believe in operating the "Jones Line" altogether from behind a desk.

It seems strange that Mr. Churchill, master strategist, should have announced in advance the decision to make a test of strength of Wednesday's vote on the budget. Perhaps, however, the intention was to perform the duty of Opposition without endangering the Government at a critical time.

Flood damage in Canada seems to be now an annual occurrence instead of an unfortunate combination of circumstances. This Province seems fortunately spared the more striking losses from this cause but, like the rest of Canada, we must take all possible measures to stop the loss of top soil which results from even a relatively small surface run-off.

That the Bankruptcy Act passed in December is not yet in force is quite in line with its history. The present act was passed on July 7, 1919, but did not come into effect until July 1, 1920. In any country with highly developed commerce the provisions protecting creditors yet permitting honest debtors to recover from crippling losses are of great importance and require the most careful consideration.

Five years ago today the Armies of the United States and Russia made contact in the Elbe valley. At Lorgan the 69th Infantry met Marshal Kōner's 58th Division. Troops of both armies were reported as celebrating by drinking champagne from beer mugs. A few days previously the American 1st and 9th Armies had smashed the Ruhr pocket to capture 316,930 prisoners including at least 11 generals, and two Russian armies had met in Berlin. The same day the great port of Bremen had fallen to the British 2nd Army.

Summerside, and the Province generally, has lost one of its most esteemed citizens in the sudden passing of Ex-Mayor John E. Campbell. A son of the first Mayor of the Prince County capital, Mr. Campbell himself held this responsible office for eight terms, and was active also in Red Cross, Board of Trade and Fish and Game Association activities, as well as in the work of the East Prince Liberal Association, of which he was a past president. He set a fine example of public spirited citizenship, and his memory will be treasured by a host of friends in all parts of the Island.

As a part of the Government of India's drive to attract tourists, the Ministry of Transport is implementing a comprehensive plan for tourism. The feature of the new tourist promotion plan will be a scheme for the training of regional tourist guides. The draft of the rules to regulate the restoration of important state guest houses for use as hostels for the tourists has also been approved. Over 5,000 tourists visited Kashmir last year. For the current season the Kashmir Government have arranged for increased amenities and facilities in the way of accommodation, transport, etc.

The words "family farm" usually mean a farm that is operated by the free labor of a whole family, the title to which is held by the head of the family who is likely to leave it to a member of the family. Like every other successful enterprise, the family farm of Canada is being modernized. Where family resources permit, the family farm continues to be a self-contained unit. Where co-operation with neighbors in the use of modern equipment is the answer, co-operation is meeting the need. Custom work also increases the productive efficiency of producers. The family farm will survive, says "The Scene", as the soundest social unit in Canadian society as long as the farm family is free to work out its own destiny, in an economy that is free from harmful controls.

Spring Themes
IF YOU TURNED A DEAF EAR TO MR. EARL E. BIRD,
INCOME TAX
FILE EARLY
FILE EARLY PLEASE PLEASE
COMES NOW A MORE INSISTENT NOTE
PAY NOW OR ELSE
PAY NOW OR ELSE
This bird's apt to knock on wood.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

DARK AGE IN EDUCATION

"To those who take a retrospective view of the state of education twenty-five, twenty, or even fifteen years ago, and compare the schools and schoolmasters of that period with those of the present time, the progress appears immense. In those days of comparative darkness and ignorance, schools were few and far between. In many cases old log buildings, which had become useless for other purposes, were converted into school-houses. If they were low in the ceiling and badly ventilated, these were considered trivial defects, at a time when health and comfort were things of secondary importance.

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.

FOREIGN CAPITAL

Sir,—I should like to make a few brief remarks concerning Mr. Smith's letter to this column on April 11th.

From the take-off Mr. Smith quoted me as saying that all was well in the potato industry. This is entirely incorrect and if Mr. Smith cannot read well enough to quote correctly, then he had better stop. He went on to complain about foreign capital taking away our profits, referring most emphatically to the Alberta oil wells. Now, suppose those huge American companies did not undertake to dig for oil, what Canadian companies would? Don't think that there is no room for another company to

when the goods sold. Of all the branches of an English education, taught at the time we speak, penmanship was the only one that was taught well, and this only because it required no intellectual effort to attain proficiency therein. "But we must not forget that these were the days when the grant for educational purposes ranged from £600 to £1,800 a year. Even in 1852, there were but 133 schools in the Island, attended by 4,760 children. Since the introduction of the new Education Act, the number of schools has been more than doubled, while that of the children receiving instruction has increased three fold."

start. There is too much oil in Alberta now for the numerous big American companies, so if some Canadian company is big enough why hasn't it started by now? Also, who dug for oil in the Moncton area up until this winter? Who dug for oil at Governor's Island a few summers ago? (This well was nearly two miles deep and is known to be one of the deepest wells in the world.) The answer in both cases is "A big American company" simply because no Canadian company was big enough to stand such a slap.

He went on to say that Canada ships her iron ore to the United States and then buys back the steel. That's another incorrect statement. Some of the world's best steel mills are situated at different points in Canada, including Sydney, Sault Ste. Marie, Hamilton, Toronto, Brantford etc.

Continuing he asserted that I was a poor farmer if I took time out to attend a hockey game. That's a different story than he had some time ago when he agreed with his colleague, "An Irate Mother, O'Leary," when she ridiculed Premier Jones for telling the farmers what he did.

By the way, he talked about getting road work done before elections. One would think that the other parties don't promise anything before elections. They are the ones who can really promise and also "fall down" on that promise if elected—which is a rarity. I wonder if Mr. Smith thinks its any use attending C. C. F. National Conventions. Try hard, some day it might work out. At any rate the majority of Islanders must like Liberal policy as they elected 18 Liberals to 6 Tories (and no C. C. F.). However, this could be worse, and was worse, when, not so many years ago, the score read, Liberals 30, Tories 0, (C. C. F. 0). I am, Sir, etc. "STILL VERY ENTHUSED".

Notes By The Way

The Master of a modern passenger ship, particularly one of the Queen Elizabeth size, must be all kinds of a specialist. Chiefsteward or Mayor of Burgomaster. He must not only be a seaman, a navigator, but also a diplomat, judge, disciplinarian, businessman, conversationalist and guide, philosopher and friend alike to the most junior member of his crew as to his most prominent passenger — Omdr. C. M. Ford, Capt R. M. S. Queen Elizabeth.

After Reading the p'ca of the Ottawa Journal editor for a dish of good old-fashioned potato soup with its big slabs of butter and other rich ingredients, a subscriber writes in to say that at present day prices shadow soup would be more likely to appeal to the housewife, struggling today as she usually is against an inadequate budget allowance. Recipe: Hang a piece of beef on the kitchen window when the sun is shining, so that the shadow will fall on a kettle of well seasoned water being brought to the boiling point on the stove. Serve in liberal quantities, with bread crusts, if such are available, and without toothpicks. St Thomas Times Journal.

Pressure is increasing on Ottawa to keep out foreign goods. Not a day passes without new protests, riots or deputations. In all cases the aim is the same; stop or curtail this new and growing competition with Canadian production in the domestic market. Ottawa will have to move carefully and firmly. Short-sighted action in either direction could hit this country hard. Unfair competition could hurt many new industries we have developed since 1930. It could also gravely injure some of those older in-

The Age-Old Story
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

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THE SEED SHOP
Here in a quiet and dusty room they lie, Faded as crumbled stone or shifting sand, Forlorn as ashes, shrivelled, scentless, dry— Meadows and gardens running through my hand.
In this brown husk a dale of haw-thorn dreams; A cedar in this narrow cell is thrust That will drink deeply of a century's streams, These lilies shall make summer on my dust.
Here in their safe and simple house of death, Sealed in their shells, a milling roses leap; Here I can blow a garden with my breath, And in my hand a forest lies asleep. —Muriel Stuart.

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