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The Bleak Years

For Canadians the bleak years of life will now lie between the ages of sixteen and seventy. For, having been weaned on the baby bonus and promised the old age pension, the years between will stretch like a vast desert of time devoid of any oasis of government-provided welfare.

Police Record

There are some things in which we can be thankful for inefficiency. One of them is the "police record" or dossier which in some countries forever hangs over the head of anyone who runs afoul of the law.

A Serious Trend

Noting the reports that several million pounds of New Zealand cheese are on the way to Canada, that eggs from Europe are being landed in Montreal and that several European countries, and possibly New Zealand, are offering butter here, the Ottawa Journal sees in these developments a cause for serious concern.

Seeing the advantages and high rates of pay labor has obtained has, without much doubt, caused many a farmer to decide to take things easier. What this can mean to all of us—including labor—is becoming obvious.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 9th Sunday after Trinity. Presidential elections will be held in Portugal tomorrow, July 22. Former Islanders returning after ten years' absence find many changes here.

The British aristocracy has, in effect, become the most democratic in the world. The new DeBrett, annual "Who's Who" of Britain's aristocracy, shows the Labor government last year created 16 peers—above the normal average over a long period of years.

Once more some 25,000 Canadians have made their way to the United States in a year. The movement today, however, causes less concern than a few years ago.

Ottawa visitors en route. After enjoying a visit on the mainland of Nova Scotia, a group of 14 members of a tour party from Ottawa will leave Halifax for Canadian National Railways for Cape Breton, where they will spend two days, then visit Truro, Sackville and Charlottetown for another two days.

At the Festival of Britain celebrations in Hereford Cathedral, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Tom Williams, read one of the lessons at the Farming Service, which was marked by a special ceremony in which the Bishop of Hereford blessed light farm implements, symbolizing the service to agriculture over the past 100 years.

Values are turned upside down in war. The sea captain who would be loath to scrape the paint of his ship's side does not hesitate to ram an enemy submarine. "Safety First" is exchanged for "get it done".

Deputy Agriculture Minister Walter R. Shaw has now doubts about the adequacy of our disease free potatoes to supply our market in the coming fall. "I have already stated through the Press my feeling", he says, "that the reduction may be a little too drastic, and we could very well find ourselves in a tight spot to supply market requirements during the coming season."

Robert Burns, poet, died this date 1796. It was at Mossiel, says W. E. Henley, that the enormous possibilities in Burns were revealed to Burns himself; as it was at Mossiel that he did nearly all his best work. The revelation once made he wrote masterpiece after masterpiece, with a rapidity, an assurance, a command of means, a brilliancy which made his achievement one of the most remarkable in English letters.

Might Come To This?



NEWS ITEM A veterinary surgeon reports much time wasted in locating points of call, with an estimated less than 10% of roadside mail boxes bearing legible names.

Notes By The Way

Freight rates up! Just to keep in style, we suppose. (Lethbridge Herald.) Mink coats will be a thing of the past, according to fashion experts, as it is the new "Poodle Cloth" that will be all the rage next fall as women strive to "look like dogs."

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.

A DEBACLE OF DUST

Sir,—I attended a very creditable racing meet at Covehead yesterday, sponsored by Mr. Willis who did everything he could to make his customers comfortable, and give them an enjoyable afternoon by sprinkling the track to keep down dust, etc.

WOODCHUCKS

My friends the Socialists sit on their haunches, Lift their paws And sniff and savor in anticipation My green, defenseless garden in their jaws.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) METHODIST BRICK CHURCH

"The doors of this fine church have been closed for the last eight weeks, and its interior has undergone a thorough and complete renovation. The appearance on entering is very striking and beautiful—perhaps unsurpassed by anything to be seen in any Protestant Church in the Lower Provinces.

Are our National Park authorities merely sunning themselves on the beautiful north side beaches, when they would permit trawlers in this area to be practically choked to death by swirling clouds of sand?

Is our Tourist Bureau in the doldrums of inaction and despair to allow such an outrage against our summer visitors?

Are the R.C.M.P. incapable of making some plea for highway safety; in the face of driving hazards, where the visibility is reduced to a matter of a few feet by the impervious slipstream of every passing motorist?

Is our Department of Agriculture unconscious of the damage to crops and the fair Island verdure by a saturation of fine dust particles in the breathing stomata of all plants?

Yes, we cannot afford paved roads, and furthermore we don't need them, but surely somewhere is a still small voice which can ask fervently and receive a few paltry bags of calcium chloride which would have prevented this iniquitous injustice perpetrated against those who ventured into the Covehead area on Wednesday.

Let us wake up, let us demand action from our humble servants in executive positions, before the P. E. Island tourist is as extinct a species as the classical dodo or passenger pigeon, and every race track operator outside of Charlottetown is in the throes of bankruptcy.

There can be nothing but sympathy for Mr. Willis; there can be nothing but shame felt to think we would subject visitors to such an ordeal; there can be nothing but indignation against our administrative bodies. I am, Sir, etc., A LOYAL PRINCE EDWARD ISLANDER July 19, 1951.

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The Poet's Corner

Inter-Provincial Swimmer (Saint John Telegraph-Journal) Miss Evelyn Henry, a Prince Edward Island girl, likes swimming. So it would appear, at any rate, from the fact that she recently swam the Northumberland Strait from Cape Tormentine, N. B., to Borden, P. E. I. in eight hours and fifty-three minutes.

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The Age-Old Story

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