

So Hard On Educationists

A study of the "pressures and dilemmas" of educational authorities has been made under a project sponsored by the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and judging by a review of the report in the New York Times, it presents a highly diversified picture of public opinion.

Here, briefly, are some of the findings: Fifty-nine percent of the superintendents were under pressure to put more emphasis on the three R's; but 61 percent had demands to teach more courses and subjects.

The report goes on to suggest, ironically, the following qualifications for an "ideal" school superintendent: "He should have chronic low blood pressure and an ulcer-proof stomach. He must be able to withstand petty gripes and slaps during the ten-hour workday in his office, and then enjoy lying awake most of the night worrying about school problems.

Baron, Milkman, Handyman

In recent years many of the landed gentry of Britain have been impoverished by high taxes; some of them, finding their incomes insufficient for keeping their huge houses in repair and well staffed by servants, have opened their estates to sight-seers on certain days in the week in return for a small fee from each visitor.

William Marmaduke, thrice a baron, may or may not succeed in his heroic efforts to save his ancestral home from the inexorable pressure of the tax collector, but certainly he deserves success. He is doing a great deal to prove to the world that British aristocracy is not as decadent as present day social scientists sometimes make it out to be.

A Borden Memorial

The erection of a statue to Sir Robert Borden on Parliament Hill has been authorized by the Dominion Government. In commending this action the Montreal Star notes that it is seventeen years since Sir Robert's death and just twice that length of time since he retired from active politics.

"If Parliament Hill is to continue to bear memorials of Canadians who have there served their country ably, devotedly and at much personal sacrifice a statue to Robert Laird Borden was destined from the first to be among them. No man gave more to Canada under harassing conditions, both as leader of a weak opposition, and as War Premier in those unprecedented days of 1914 and the dark bloody years that followed.

This tribute is well merited, and there is no doubt but that Canadians generally will approve of the Government's decision to honor Sir Robert's memory in the manner proposed. His name, of course, has been perpetuated in this Province in the terminal of our car ferry service which Sir Robert was instrumental in establishing, and which itself is an enduring monument to his statesmanship.

Another Conference

The Geneva Conference is not the only meeting of importance now going on. In London delegates from thirty countries are conferring on ways and means of preventing pollution of the sea by oil, a problem which is causing much concern to conservation officials throughout the world.

A British Committee has been working on the problem for some time. Its recommendations, which will be submitted to the current London conference, are as follows: (1) There should be a world code of good conduct; (2) Discharge of certain oils into the sea should be prohibited by international agreement; (3) Facilities for the reception of oil wastes should be provided at all important ports and terminals; (4) Tankers should be required by law to keep adequate records of the disposal of wastes.

Here is one problem at least that does not have any divisive political implications. It is to be hoped that delegates from both East and West will find it possible and to their advantage to agree on the proposed code of good conduct and thus keep the sea reasonably clean and wholesome for its wild-life guests, who have done nothing to deserve the sufferings inflicted on them by an oil-conscious age.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Sixth anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. The youthful nation has shown many examples of the exuberance of youth but at the same time displays undeniable vitality.

The national executive of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities meets Thursday and Friday in Toronto. Although municipalities are wholly creatures of the Provincial Legislatures they are necessarily more and more concerned about Federal legislation, particularly financial provisions effecting local rates.

That there is difficulty in finding enough men to take reserve Naval training in the Maritimes is the somewhat surprising situation revealed by Commodore K. F. Adams who is in charge of reserve training. Far inland the Navy seems to hold more attraction for young men than at the coast although it should be easy to provide decidedly superior facilities close to shipping operations.

Maria Montessori, Italian educationalist and doctor, died this date 1952. She was born in 1870 and was the first woman to qualify as a medical doctor at the university of Rome, where she also became a professor of anthropology. Her school for feeble-minded children achieved startling success, enabling so-called idiots to compete with normal children of their own age. During the Second World War she lived and worked in India.



New Piece For The Boys

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.

MARKETING BOARD PLEBISCITE

Sir,—In a recent issue of a circular to the farmers of this Island, signed we believe by the secretary of the P. E. Island Federation of Agriculture, a clause made a statement to the effect that "if more dollars are received why worry about loss of freedom?"

Following this idea logically, we should be willing to sell our freedom at a price. We believe this is the eventual aim of all suggested legislation with reference to marketing. We have sufficient bureaucrats shaking the whip at us now without creating more, on the vague premise that we are helping ourselves.

We have all respect for associations of farmers for marketing control, but it should be on a basis of free choice, not forced by law without alternative. If the trend towards coercive legislation is followed we may lose all freedom of choice and action with respect to our farms and homes. We believe that many will agree with us when we say that the recent performances of the Potato Marketing Board do not warrant confidence in its ability sufficient to legislate them into continued dominant control.

We are an independent, sturdy, insular people, and we do not believe that we will any longer place the power of prevention and fines in the hands of any who may in the future demonstrate as much ineptitude as they have in the past. Control over our individual lands and crops is an inalienable right that is refused in Russia, and other countries where the state controls. Let us not allow this initial step or others may follow. We note where the vote in this plebiscite is confined to

registered growers only. Perhaps this has some significance. The small grower seems to be ignored. Yet he contributes a large proportion of our total crop.

The farmer and the shipper may quite easily have a properly supervised association without legislation, wherein both their interests will be safeguarded; and here let us suggest that we do not minimize the value to our economy of the conscientious dealer. They have pioneered markets at their personal risk of loss. They have many times lost heavily. If they make a profit at other times who is to deny them? It is necessary to have a selling medium and for our money we like an experienced one, not a set-up of inexperienced job-seekers. We do not deal in or grow potatoes so may claim exemption from selfish motives in this assertion.

We will not, we believe, sell our freedom for the obscure and ephemeral prospect of greater profits. We will, we hope, cherish and sustain this precious intangible, which in many countries has attained the status of a relic. We will we trust assert ourselves accordingly when and whenever challenged by the ballot.

I am, Sir, etc. C. C. PRATT. St. Peter's, P. E. I.

RURAL ROADS AND TOWN STREETS

Sir,—In The Guardian and Journal I read the report of an Alberton Town Council meeting where some of the members were until more of the Councillors were there. The report said the Mayor and Councillors asked that a letter be written to the Minister of Public Works asking that more work be done on the Casumpec Highway this year.

I would think that money intended to be used for roads in this district should be shared around so that all parts would be treated as equally as possible. I do not want to criticize the Mayor and the few Councillors who attended this particular meeting but I do think they should consider a little before taking such a step, and should leave the district work to Mr. J. W. D. Campbell, M.L.A. and Mr. Gaudet, M.L.A., as these two men were elected to look after our district. They receive a total of \$3,000 a year for their work and I believe they would like to earn their money.

This meddling by the town officials of Alberton could result in some of us not getting a road done this year that is properly due us. Perhaps it would allow some country people an opportunity to make suggestions to town officials on what could be done on town streets.

There is a lot of work needed in Alberton and I would start with paving from Profit's Corner past the High School to the Catholic

U.N. Tribute To Red Cross

By Dag Hammarskjöld Secretary-General of the United Nations

The will of the world's peoples to cooperate for the common good is made manifest not only through their governments but also through the work of voluntary, non-governmental organizations. Of these, none has ended the bitter fighting in that unhappy land. Aid to the civilian population in Korea is still being given by the Red Cross, working in effective coordination with the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency and other organizations in helping war- and disaster-stricken Koreans back to their feet.

Last year, too, the Red Cross brought relief to those stricken by catastrophe elsewhere throughout the world. The help extended to the many victims of earthquakes in Turkey, Greece, and Iran, and floods in Chile, Japan, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Belgium, Italy, Iraq and Syria were in its great tradition of service to all mankind.

I salute the Red Cross for all its great work in past years and I know that the United Nations can count upon its help in the future.

Church; then perhaps the Government would do their share of the road or street from the Catholic Church to the Alberton wharf.

The Town of Alberton has neglected this too long and the Government sometimes gets blamed for not doing this street by people who do not know that this part of the road is in the town limits.

Another thing the Town Council could do if they are short of work, is to keep big oil and potato trucks (thousands of pounds overweight) from operating on town streets or roads while farmers are obliged to run their small half-ton trucks long distances with a few bags of potatoes to keep within the law.

This is not fair because the Government paved the streets through Alberton and who is going to make the repairs when the holes and bumps come, and come they will if someone does not call a halt to this abuse of paved streets in Alberton?

I am, Sir, etc. TAXPAYER.

TRIBUTE TO LATE MR. HARRIS

Sir,—An invaluable member of the Charlottetown Advisory Board has been called by the great Architect of the Universe, yet for generations to come the vision of brain upon an earthly architect's blue prints will remain, landmarks of beauty to grace our own and other provinces in the form of churches, schools, university buildings, etc. Amongst these creations of the late Mr. James E. Harris is the new addition to The Sunset Lodge, School St. Charlottetown. His keen interest and unflagging energies both as a member of the Advisory Board and Architect for this project, even though in failing health gave some concern to those that knew and loved him, yet he persevered in every minute detail both before, during, and after the construction of the Lodge for elderly ladies. His interest lay deeper than even an architect's love for his creation—his interest in those that would reside in the buildings, the children that would learn in the schools, the people that would worship in the churches lay close to the warm spirit of this man.

Surely in this Christian gentleman, those who were privileged to meet him, both in public and private, caught something of a great heart that wanted to give more than receive. His architectural accomplishments were not only of wood, mortar and stone, but he also built of finer materials, the things that pertain to a Kingdom not made with hands, he built on that foundation that hath been laid, the Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, we shall miss him, to Mrs. Harris and family we would offer our deepest sympathy, yet it is not possible, that, He who said, "In my Father's House are many Mansions" needs in this hour of the world's history men with integrity of spirit, eternal vision who will design bet-

The Poet's Corner

YOUNG FARMER

Riding his toy tractor on the walk. In his imagination he has plowed Long furrows reaching to the curve of sky.

He pulls up in the shade of maple trees

To eat his lunch and check the fuel supply.

There will be work tomorrow and the day

After, if the clearing weather holds.

It is the spring of year. Young farmers must

Be up early to go forth about The business of the season. Every-

one Knows early corn will have a better start

Before the drying heat of summer comes.

So do not bother him and do not call

Him from his work, until it is nightfall.

—Billy B. Cooper, in Christian Science Monitor.

The Passing Scene

By Observer

U.N.O. IS NOT USELESS

It probably is accurate to say that most people think of the United Nations Organization as a war preventing combination of statesmen representing many nations, and they judge it on that basis. When the organization moves to stop aggression, as in Korea, it is praised; when it fails in its relations with any particular breaker of the peace, it is condemned.

Even some of those who believe the organization should be kept going appear to see it as nothing more valuable than an international debating society which provides a sort of psychological safety valve for emotions and passions; and it is a fact that with respect to its aggression prevention record the U.N.O. has not been particularly impressive.

It seems hardly fair to judge the U.N.O. by one phase of its short history. Actually war prevention is only one of its aims and perhaps not the most important one. Much of its work comes within the province of its subsidiaries: The World Health Organization, the Technical Assistance Program, the International Children's Emergency Fund, and others of like constitution.

There is great need for more general knowledge concerning these subsidiary organizations for, in the final summation, the programs they are trying to carry out can be successful only if they are supported by a strong and well informed public opinion.

Mr. Calder, who is Science editor of the London News Chronicle, followed some of these men and women into the jungles and dark places; he tells a story, always thrilling and sometimes sad, of adventure, exploration, struggle, and paths.

It comes as a shock to hear that about two out of every three children in the world haven't enough to eat at any time; millions of them actually starve to death in the streets and in the ditches. Whole States, with populations as large as, in some cases larger than, Canada's, have no schools, no hospitals, no medical care worth mentioning.

These things are going on in thousands of villages. Illiteracy, always a tool of superstition and tyranny, remains as a scourge in large areas of the earth.

Added to these fearful things are the things that we mere mortals know, mansions, in the Kingdom to come. I am, Sir, etc. SR. CAPT. L. HITCHCOCK The Salvation Army Charlottetown.

Old Charlottetown

and P. E. I. CASUMPEC

From an advertisement directed to the Fishing part of the population in this Island, and the adjacent shores, as well as other enterprising persons," Prince Edward Island Register, Jan. 29, 1828:

"An Establishment is opened at Casumpec in the North West part of this Island, where Salt may be obtained at a reasonable rate and the highest prices given for Fish Persons possessed of decked vessels and being desirous of settling in this convenient station for fishing, will have an opportunity of occupying the most advantageous situations, rent free.

"Unsettled and industrious husbandmen are also invited to settle in the district; long leases may be immediately obtained, and the Proprietors can now assume the settlers, that this somewhat neglected settlement is about to enjoy the equal care of Government, and a road is actually surveyed to open a district communication between the metropolis and this extensive part of the country. For particulars apply to S. S. Hill, Casumpec, or to Mr. Moore, Charlottetown."

The Age Old Story

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God... The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

TORONTO, (CP) — A 14-year-old boy was turned over to Toronto detectives by suburban Long Branch police Monday after a three-mile chase of a stolen car that reached speeds up to 70 miles an hour. The chase ended when the car and a police cruiser both landed in a ditch. Another boy who was in the car escaped.

P. E. I. Federation Of Agriculture POTATO MARKETING MEETINGS

- Monday, May 10th—Parish Hall, Tignish
Tuesday, May 11—Public Hall, O'Leary
Wednesday, May 12th—Yeo's Theatre, Montague
Thursday, May 13th—Community Hall, Morell
Monday, May 17th—St. Mary's Hall, Souris
Tuesday, May 18th—Prince of Wales College, Ch'town
Wednesday, May 19th—High School Auditorium, Summerside.

ALL MEETINGS AT 8:30 P. M.

These meetings are called to provide potato growers an opportunity of hearing discussion on and obtaining information relative to the questions involved in the Potato Marketing Board Plebiscite.

Official Representatives of the Potato Board and of the Potato Dealers Association are invited to attend and will be allotted time.

The attendance of all growers is urged.

Keep this advertisement for future reference.

P. E. I. FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE.