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

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A Point Well Taken

Mr. McLure, M.P., has called Transport Minister Chevrier to task for stating that the "shuttle" car ferry service to be inaugurated this summer must prove itself a paying proposition if it is to be continued.

Nothing more appropriate could have been quoted by Mr. McLure in this connection than the statement by Hon. Charles A. Dunning while he was Minister of Railways and also a representative of Queen's County, to the effect that "the only proper and satisfactory solution to give this Island the service it is entitled to according to the terms of Confederation is an auxiliary service."

Shift in Political Power

There has been a substantial shift in political power in this country from businessmen to employees and to farmers, is the conclusion of a western professor and an investment corporation president.

This is not a new development so far as this Province is concerned. The voice of the farmer and fisherman at least has from early times sounded strongly in the Legislature and Government, although labour, as a whole, has been relatively inarticulate.

Farmers Good Risks

That farmers are good risks has been strikingly demonstrated in the annual report of the Federal Farm Improvement Loans Act recently tabled in Parliament.

The Act came into effect in March, 1945, for three years and it was later extended until March 1, 1951. In effect it partially placed the credit of the Federal Government behind the farmer to enable him to borrow money through the banks at a low rate of five per cent to enable him to improve and develop his farm, and improve living conditions on the farm.

The loans were made through chartered banks under a partial Federal Government guarantee against losses. Money was made available for many purposes, including the purchase of foundation stock, the acquisition of electrical equipment, the construction of buildings, the purchase of farm implements and trucks, and payment of the costs of drainage or additional breaking.

On some loans, up to 10 years was given for repayment. Shorter terms prevailed on loans for the purchase of trucks, tractors and machinery, but they in themselves were the only security the farmer needed for a

loan covering the balance payable after the stipulated down payment had been made. Also, under the Act the farmer was permitted to use machinery which he had already paid for as security for other loans.

When the Act was first passed it was against the law for banks to make ordinary loans to farmers on the security of machinery. Thus the new Act filled a gap in the credit facilities available to farmers.

The infinitesimal loss to date of .0001 of a cent on each dollar loaned fully establishes the rating of the Canadian farmer as a top-notch credit risk.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Berlin blockade" lifted this date 1949.

Our first dragger is not being built here but in New Brunswick where a small fleet has already been built up. Perhaps local enterprise will see that succeeding draggers are home made.

According to the vote in the House of Commons to be a Radical is not necessarily to be a criminal. A man is entitled to his opinions so long as he does not manoeuvre to foist them upon others to the detriment of law and order.

The town's offer to back a Summerside rink to the extent of \$50,000 as well as making it tax, power and water free for five years should result in the proposed rink materializing at an early date.

It will be highly satisfactory to have a mechanical staff of the C. N. R. re-installed in Charlottetown. They never should have been permitted to be transferred to Moncton; it meant a depletion of our population and the serious loss of a means for training our youths as engineers, etc.

Premier Smallwood was today presented with a dinner plate entitling him and Mrs. Smallwood to a free meal in any hotel dining room in Canada. It is inscribed, "Send the bill to Medicine Hat."

At length Montreal is sentencing with severity the highway robbers that infest its streets and thoroughfares. For too long these young criminals have been allowed to escape with comparatively short sentences insufficient for their offences, and merely an encouragement to others on the downward path to go and do likewise.

As has been sharply demonstrated, fire is one of the most deadly threats to life and property in this country. Measures to curtail its wastage deserve a high priority of interest and financial backing. Much progress has been made in the study of control methods. To take full advantage of modern knowledge local fire marshals and building inspectors must receive the greatest possible encouragement and support.

William Pitt, 1st Earl of Chatham, died this date 1778. He vigorously opposed in the House of Commons Walpole's policy towards America. A great orator and of impeccable integrity, he possessed the confidence and admiration of the public as probably no other minister has ever done.

Fruit growers in Ulster County, N. Y., store their McIntosh apples in gas tight rooms in a state of suspended animation during the long winter months. On their "awakening" in the spring the apples are crisp and juicy as the day they were picked the previous fall—just right for the fruit-hungry spring market.

Six years ago, on May 11, 1944, the Allies launched a terrific offensive in Central Italy to break the Gustav and Hitler Lines. Canadian troops participated and, with British troops, carried out below the shell-torn town of Cassino a thrust across the Rapido River toward the Liri Valley.

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.

THE P.C. CONVENTION

Sir, — At a meeting of the Progressive Conservative Party held in Charlottetown last November, it was resolved by formal unanimous resolution that a Provincial convention should be held before next June, a time which is now close at hand.

The fortunes of the P.C. Party can hardly be regarded as at a very high peak. The tremendous power of the Liberal Party in men and material is formidable to say the least. To reduce this power will demand extraordinary skill and ability of a very high order.

Sometimes it is a wise policy to change leaders, sometimes not. The convention will decide that matter. That the meeting will be held on the agreed date is perhaps a foregone conclusion.

I am, Sir, etc. C.S. MacDONALD

The Poet's Corner

AFOOT

Comes the lure of green things growing. Comes the call of waters flowing. And the wayfarer De-lire Moves and wakes and would be going.

Hark the migrant hosts of June Marching nearer noon by moon! Hark the gossip of the grasses Bivouacked beneath the moon!

Hark the leaves their mirth averring; Hark the buds to blossom stirring; Hark the hushed, exultant haste Of the wind and world conferring!

Hark the sharp, insistent cry Where the hawk patrols the sky! Hark the flapping, as of banners, Where the heron triumphs by!

Empire in the coasts of bloom Humming cohorts now resume,— And desire is forth to follow Many a vagabond perfume.

Long the quest and far the ending Where my wayfarer is wending.— When desire is once afoot, Doom beneath and dream attending.

Shuttle-cock of indecision, Sport of chance's blind decision, Yet he may not fail nor tire Till his eyes shall win the Vision.

In his ear the phantom chime Of incommunicable rhyme; He shall chase the fleeting camp-fires Of the Bedouins of Time.

Farer by uncharted ways, Dumb as Death to plaint or praise; Unreturning he shall journey, Follow to the nights and days.

Till upon the outer bar Stilled the moaning currents are, Till the flame achieves the zenith, Till the moth attains the star.

Till, through laughter and through tears, Fair the final peace appears, And about the watered pastures Sink to sleep the nomad years.

—Sir Chas. G. D. Roberts

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

A GREAT HAUL

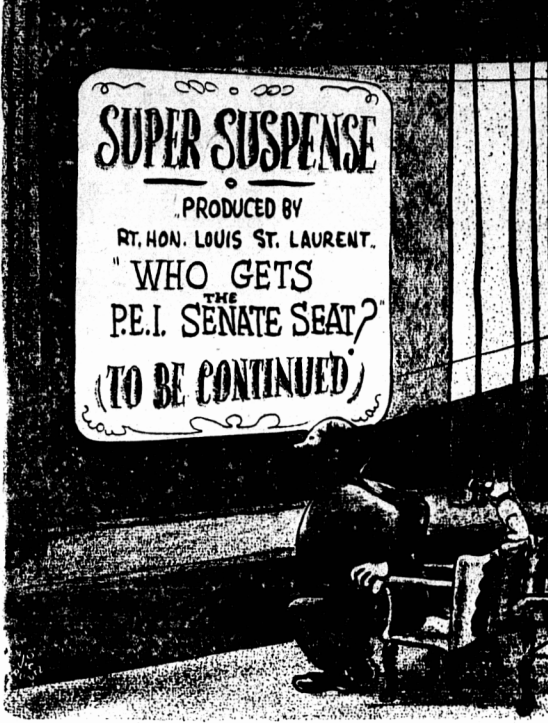
"Twenty-five Whales were driven on shore at Rustico Cove on Saturday last by Capt. Marshall and his boat's crew. The Captain is a partner in business with our respected fellow townsman, Mr. Dean, in the extensive fishing establishment at Rustico, where the Whales are now on exhibition. It is said that this extraordinary and very unexpected herd of whales will produce oil worth £500 to £600. There is no doubt that a very large number of persons will flock to see them, and thereby add to the profits of the capture."

—The Examiner, July 17, 1860.

The Age-Old Story

Turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting and with weeping and with mourning. And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and He repenteth Him of the evil. Who knoweth if He will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, even a man-offering and a drink-offering unto the Lord your God.

It Turns Out To Be A Serial



On Being A Family

There is no way of being a parent. There is no set of encyclopedic volumes with all the answers.

It is, however, a good thing to have a list of principles. This one, though prepared by the Highland Park School in Michigan for students in its child-care course, is equally good for seasoned parents: Take your time; use a low, quiet voice; answer questions; talk to the children when occasion calls for it, but avoid talking to them all the time; be consistent; be calm, controlled and relaxed; be friendly, but not aggressively so; be reasonable, just, and fair; when the children are working or playing well, don't interfere; laugh with them, never at them; show no favoritism; avoid talking about a child in his presence; be patient; encourage self-help; give sincere praise for accomplishments.

Recreation need not be the complicated experience some people make it. It is relaxation to go down to the country station to watch the train come in, or to drive out from a city to look at a few cows and chickens. Think of how fascinatedly men gather at a subway excavation or a lot where riveters are bolting together the skeleton of a new building.

Because all families have so different work and interests during the day that leisure time offers their only hope of getting together, it is reasonable to suggest that every chance for recreation in the home should be grasped. Planning for fun together is an important part of family living. It is surprising what opportunities can be found around the house.

If parents are the kind who like to tinker and to create things with their hands and if they are willing to let the small fry hang around and ask questions while they work, that is one answer to the problem of what to do. It is only one more step to allow the children to make things for themselves. What they turn out will not look like much, but they will learn to handle tools. More important, they will learn the pleasure to be had in a home workshop and will be drawn closer to parents who are also in the secret.

Today's apartments and houses are not as roomy as living quarters used to be. It is up to the family to make sure the best use is possible of what is available. Family recreation is worth sacrificing some old-time prejudices for. Such a prejudice is the tidy parlor. It doesn't seem to have done much good, in many cases to change

Business Conditions Across Canada

(Monthly Review of the Bank of Nova Scotia)

The promise of a high rate of capital investment, the influence of the existing demand for automobiles and household goods are the main factors of strength in the present economic position, says the current Monthly Review of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Even though no large additions to purchasing power are in prospect this spring, like those made a year ago in the form of wheat participation payments and the return of compulsory savings, the immediate outlook is reasonably good.

Another big construction year is in prospect and the official forecast of investment expenditures on new construction, machinery and equipment is placed at \$3.6 billion. New construction is expected to be 12 per cent in excess of the 1949 total, with expenditures on housing well maintained and the main increases anticipated in outlays on power and oil development and on construction of schools, hospitals, roads and municipal services. Some decline is expected, however, in expenditures for machinery and equipment, particularly by the manufacturing industries and to a lesser extent by farmers.

In surveying the recent business picture, the Review puts considerable emphasis on the receptive U.S. market for a number of basic Canadian products—a fact of great significance to the pulp and paper, B. C. lumber, and base metal industries as well as to cattle raisers and fishermen. The value of Canadian exports to the United States in the first quarter of the year was 20 per cent greater than in the corresponding period of 1949, and in dollar amount the increase was almost sufficient to offset the

name to "living-room," because it is anything but that. It would be fun to mull it up by living in it together of an evening, with cut-outs, card tables, sewing kit and other diversions.

If that is going too far in the interests of family recreation, make a survey. Can you set up a hobby corner in the attic, the basement, the garage or even in a clothes closet? What can you provide in the way of equipment—a workbench (a packing case or several small boxes nailed together will do), game tables a stand for the boy's microscope or for the girl's hand loom?

Are you doing the most that is possible with what you have? Does everyone get an inning? Is everyone encouraged to become interested in what everyone else does? Can what one does be made to contribute to the hobby of another? To be continued

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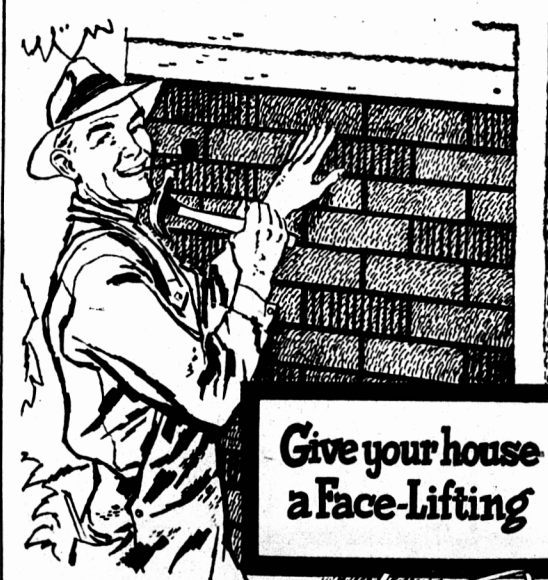
The U. S. may cut whisky duties. In Canada, governments just cut the whiskey.—London Free Press

But, this rocking chair out in Muscadine, Iowa, appears to be positively uncanny and has that chilling quality of my tery that is generally associated with a-ooks, ancient headstones and churchyards in the moonlight. It has a phantasm aspect that is really unnerving. Just an old comfort ble platform rocker—than which nothing is better calculated to "invite indolence—it rooks away hour after hour and nary a soul in it, mind. It has been doing that for thirty-seven days, according to Floyd Holaday, and no one can account for its eerie behaviour. The chair has been subjected to the scrutiny of some two hundred neighbors, has been shifted from room to room, but all to no purpose. Put it down on the floor again and away it starts rocking like Old Harry. Day and night, never stopping. That's the way of it.—Hamilton Specator.

By its willing acceptance of obligations in the terms of union relating to the marketing of salt cod, the Federal Government has lifted the heavy load of anxiety with which the supply trade has been confronted during the past few months. The understanding is clear that the quantities normally shipped to the European markets will be taken care of and will not, therefore, overshadow the marketing situation in the Caribbean area.

decline of 25 per cent which occurred in overseas exports. Though the immediate outlook is not unfavourable, there are clearly many difficulties ahead. The effects of restricted overseas markets are almost certain to be a more pervasive as the backlog of domestic demand disappears. Now do U.S. surpluses of grain and other farm products augur well for Canada's export opportunities. Moreover, it would be rash to assume that the United States has finished its postwar readjustment and is now entering a long untroubled period of prosperity. It should also be recognized that private capital expenditures both in Canada and the United States are beginning to decline, and that such remaining backlogs of demand as that for automobiles are being rapidly reduced.

In his recent budget Sir Stafford Cripps made it clear that all social services had to be financed out of current revenue that the public could only expect that for which it was, willing to pay. It doesn't take long in any country, even in naturally rich ones like Australia and New Zealand to skim the cream of the millionaires. Unfortunately for those with a taste for pie-in-the-sky, there are never enough of these sugar daddies to keep a government permanently flush with funds. Sooner or later and usually sooner, there comes a time when the costs must come out of permanent revenue and that means higher taxes for everybody. When they discovered that little lesson the people of Australia and New Zealand lost their enthusiasm for the welfare state, and the recent election results in Great Britain would indicate that they are losing some of their socialistic enthusiasm, too. Toronto Financial Post



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