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Milk Production Figures

The importance of the dairy industry to this Province is underlined in a brochure of facts and figures recently published by the National Dairy Council of Canada.

In per capita consumption of fluid milk and cream, however, the figures locally are not so satisfactory. We consume less than a pint per day—95 pints according to the record.

Although fluid milk sales during 1954 accounted for only 24.4 per cent of total farm sales of milk, 50 per cent of dairy farm cash income came from this outlet.

The bulletin quotes a statement by Prime Minister St. Laurent on the value of the dairy industry, which applies with full force to this Province.

Philanthropy Unlimited

If one were to multiply \$3500 by the number of days since the Christian era began, one would arrive at approximately the amount of money that the Rockefeller family has given away to various good causes.

rew other small contributions. He spent \$9 on himself. In 1856 he worked steadily and gave away \$19.

It would take a book—and a large one—to record the Rockefeller gifts. They went to schools, colleges, churches (Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish), organized charities of every description, scientific research, social agencies, hospitals, clinics, public parks and almost every conceivable good work.

Mr. Rockefeller's chief ambition as a young man was "a chance to be of service". That it has been realized beyond his dreams is a matter of indisputable record.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A correspondent to a literary magazine wants to know why so many submitted poems are rejected.

Scientists are reported ready to make artificial moonlight. This, be it noted, is not the same thing at all as moonshine.

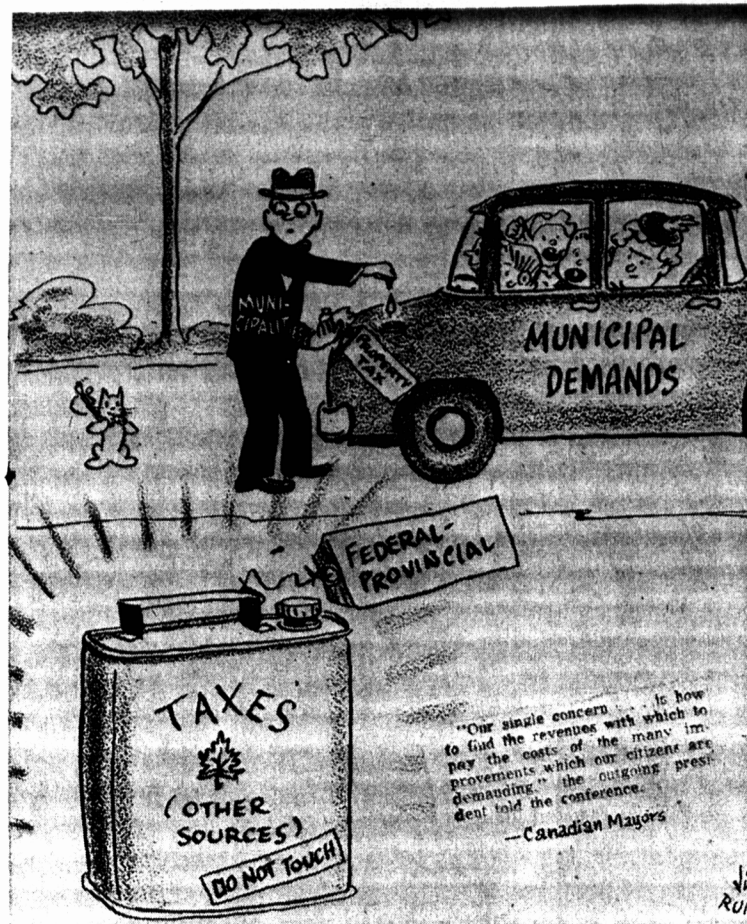
"Carrying coals to Newcastle" is an old saying. It was not literally true, however, until a few days ago, when a steamer arrived with 9000 tons from Poland.

That the truth can sometimes give a false impression is illustrated in the following incident: A certain English bishop, arriving in New York, was asked by a reporter: "Do you expect to visit any night clubs while you are here?"

A Munich store owner, who caters mainly to rural customers, puts on his outgoing packages a sticker with this inscription: "This wrapping is edible. In packing the merchandise we have replaced the wood-fibre, the paper, etc., with fresh straw. Offer it to your horse on my behalf. Above all, do not burn the cardboard case of this package. If you look well, you will notice it isn't cardboard at all, but a very hard biscuit, especially made for canine consumption. Give it to your dog, who'll like it very much."

Regrettably omitted from yesterday's report of the tributes to the late Franklin K. Lane at Desable on Sunday was the name of Mr. Frederick A. Large, Q.C., who made the reply to the address prepared by Dr. Cheatham of Columbia University.

Mr. Large's remarks were worthy of the occasion. "While we are honouring the memory of one whom this community bore," he said in part, "I feel that we are also honouring the hard work, devotion and steadfastness of those who settled in this community and whose children and children's children are those of one raised in the old Scottish tradition; a son of the Manse which this God-fearing community erected for their Minister. Those of Scottish ancestry here today must feel a glow of pride that once again another of Scottish blood is being honoured. Scotland shares with Prince Edward Island the honour of exporting sons and daughters whose lives show something of their early beginnings and training and whose contributions are gratefully received and universally acknowledged by their adopted homes."



Needed: More Fuel

Alberta's Jubilee

By Phil Adler, Canadian Press Staff

Alberta marks its 50th anniversary as a Province Sept. 1, and looks back on a half-century of political life unique in Canada.

The Liberal party formed the first three governments but was knocked out of power by the United Farmers of Alberta in 1917. The farmer movement formed three administrations and in turn gave place to the monetary-reform Social Credit party in 1935.

Alberta got its name 22 years before it was established as a province—named after Queen Victoria's daughter, Louise Caroline Alberta, wife of the Marquis of Lorne, governor-general from 1878 to 1907.

Acitation to become something besides a part of the Northwest Territories began early in the 1900s after western Canada began to lose its frontier isolation.

Officially became a province on Sept. 1, 1905, but it was not until Nov. 9 of the same year that the first general election was held.

The "Whistle skating rink in downtown Edmonton, largest closed building in the city, was the site of the first meeting of the legislative assembly March 15, 1906. Four days previously, the last hockey game of the season had been played there.

More than 4,000 persons jammed the rink to watch the opening ceremonies.

Selection of the provincial capital was a lively issue. Edmonton and Calgary providing most of the debate although Red Deer and Banff were also discussed as possible sites.

The Liberal administration was responsible for making the provincial telephone system a public utility, a policy still standing. An 80-mile line from Calgary to Banff, completed in 1906, was the first government-owned telephone line in Canada.

The Liberal Government also passed a bill incorporating the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway, authorizing rail construction 350 miles northward from Edmonton and guaranteeing its bonds at \$20,000 a mile. On this policy the government was returned at the 1909 election but controversy started in Liberal ranks the following year. It was decided that the railway be expropriated and its construction proceeded with by a commission. A judicial commission appointed to scrutinize the transactions was preparing its report—criticizing the premier and attorney-general—when Mr. Rutherford resigned the premiership. It was taken over in 1910 by Arthur L. Sifton, who had resigned as chief Justice.

The farmer campaign was led by UFA president H. W. Wood, who declined the premiership. Herbert Greenfield became premier and was succeeded during the 14-year UFA term of office by J. E. Brownlee and then R. G. Reid.

The UFA government leaped heavily towards the farmers who suffered heavily during the depression years. The provincial government guaranteed bank advances to the wheat pools for the 1929 marketing season, and Mr. Brownlee commented then: "This action did not stop the downward trend in prices but I have every conviction that it did steady this downward trend and did save the situation in the grain trade."

Mr. Brownlee conducted two successful election campaigns but probably his greatest achievement was the sale in 1929 of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway, and the Edmonton, Dunsagan and B.C. Railway to the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways.

In the early 1930s Mr. Brownlee also concluded an agreement by which Alberta's natural resources from the federal government, were transferred to the province.

The Social Credit theories of Major C. H. Douglas in England attracted interest. The founder of Social Credit was paid a retainer of \$5,000 for probing the possibilities of applying his monetary-reform theories to the province.

The Liberal party agitated for adopting Social Credit principles in 1935—and later became the chief opponent of Social Credit. In 1935, V. R. Howson, then provincial Liberal leader, headed three or more of the outstanding exponents of Social Credit to submit to the legislature a plan applicable to the province.

The Liberals criticized the government for not following the advice of Major Douglas, but the government defeated by one vote a motion to send the budget back for revision.

Social Credit theories however were gaining a foothold in Alberta, led by evangelist William Aberhart. The 1935 summer election was won by the Social Credit party who hands down. Mr. Aberhart himself was not an election candidate, but a seat was found for him after he decided to form a government.

The most famous plank in the Social Credit platform was the promise of a \$25-a-month basic dividend to residents. The end of borrowing from outside sources, and creation of its own credit, also were advocated.

The party launched its plans for monetary reform almost immediately. But most of the far-reaching proposals came to nothing as a result of judicial decisions.

Paul Robeson's Case

(Brantford Expositor)

The passport of the noted American Negro basso, Mr. Paul Robeson, was revoked by the State Department in 1950 on the ground that the tall singer's travels abroad would not be in the interests of the United States.

In the intervening five years, Mr. Robeson has made several efforts to have his passport restored, but without success. Recently he was billed to sing in Vancouver, but had to cancel the engagement for the reason stated.

The singer has never made any secret of his Communist sympathies. On the contrary he has interrupted programs and often annoyed paying members of his audiences by delivering pro-Communist speeches. Still, while his political and ideological judgment are decidedly open to challenge, his courage in insisting on what he deems to be his rights is not.

Whatever may be Mr. Robeson's position in strict terms of American law, it will appear to many that by making a conspicuous martyr of him through resort to departmental and legalistic red tape procedures, the U. S. authorities are doing the Communist cause more good than harm.

ing, a Saskatchewan farm boy who was his understudy in both the religious and political fields.

War demands and then the 1947 oil boom made Alberta's economic position buoyant.

The provincial debt of \$167,000,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1936, was reduced to \$91,000,000 by March of this year. Actually, the province has an accumulated surplus of \$143,000,000. Liquid and non-liquid assets, such as loans to municipalities, totalled \$234,000,000 as at March 7.

Alberta's record 1955-56 budget estimated expenditures at \$222,963,072.

When the province was formed 50 years ago its total budget was \$1,968,425—not much more than the amount which now is collected each year in amusement tax.

TORONTO (CP)—Health Minister Phillips Monday announced approval of construction grants amounting to more than \$185,000 to four Ontario hospitals. The largest grant—\$85,000—went to the Sarnia General Hospital. It is on the basis of \$1,000 a bed for 85 nurses' beds. Other grants went to hospitals at Collingwood, Toronto, and Orillia.

Medically Speaking

Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. STAY-AT-HOME CAN FIND RELIEF FROM HAY FEVER

If you have hay fever or asthma caused by ragweed—and a hefty bank account—it's a relatively simple matter to get rid of your symptoms. Just take a trip into a ragweed-free area and remain there until the season is over.

The western states, California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada are pretty free of this annoying pollen. Other areas of the country like northern Maine and certain other specific localities, offer refuge.

STARTING DATE The ragweed season in the Central Plains States begins about August 25. In the Middle West and the North Eastern section, the starting date is around September 1.

The heaviest concentration is found in Central Indiana. The South and South Eastern sections of the country get their heaviest concentration of the pollen beginning September 15. And the Southern ends of the Gulf States are hit October.

pleasant sea voyage probably would help you escape the ragweed season, although strong concentrations of pollen have been measured as much as 30 miles over Lake Michigan. And every once a while, large amounts of pollen are deposited on ships even farther out at sea.

For most of us, however, escape by travel is impossible. Yet there is a lot you can do, if you stay home, to relieve your symptoms.

DURING THE SEASON Desensitization shots may still help you. While it's best to begin such treatment from 6 to 12 weeks before the allergy season begins, treatment during the season will 70 and 80 percent of the patients.

Antihistamine drugs such as benadryl or theophyllin might give hay fever victims considerable relief, although they have little or no value in treating asthma. Between 70 and 80 percent of the patients taking these powerful antihistamines have found them helpful.

Injections of adrenaline and spraying a solution of adrenaline into your nose might also help. Boric acid washes and eye drops usually relieve itching of your eyes. Dark glasses probably are advisable, also.

QUESTION AND ANSWER H. M. S.: If a person 68 years of age, sits for a while and, when getting up, is quite stiff, is this a sign of old age or hardening of the arteries?

ANSWER: Stiffness may be due to arthritis or inflammation of the joints; to some disturbance of the muscles or of the connective tissues known as fibrositis.

Careful examination is required to find the cause.

THE POETS CORNER OLD AGE The seas are quiet when the wind gives o'er; So calm are we when passions are no more;

For then we know how vain it was to boast Of fleeting things so certain to be lost.

Glows of affection from our young eyes Conceal that emptiness which age descries

The soul's dark cottage, battered and decayed, Lets in new light through chinks that time hath made; Stronger by weakness, wiser men become; As they draw near to their eternal home; Leaving the Old, both worlds at once they view Who stand upon the threshold of the New.

—Edmund Waller (1605-87)

The Age Old Story

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup; thou maintainest my lot . . . Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The YMCA, which is 100 years young, this summer celebrates its centenary. The world-wide organization has brought good fellowship and the concept of a better life to many hundreds of thousands of youths all over the world.

Immigration to Canada from other lands in this year showing a drastic decline. Based on the record for first five months of the year, it is estimated that the 1955 crop of immigrants will be the lowest since 1950, and will be some 20,000 smaller than last year.

The Eisenhower administration, which hopes to go before the voters in 1956 with the claim that it has brought prosperity, is concerned because business is booming a year too early. The problem is to slow down the credit fed expansion now without bringing about an economic recession from which full recovery may not be attained in time to convince the voters that the Republican party is the party of good times.

At the Nova Scotia summer school for teachers, Major C. I. MacLeod has been asserting that there may be as many as 20,000 Gaelic-speaking people in his province. He takes pride in the fact that since 1950 the Gaelic course at the school has enabled 44 teachers to teach the language of old Scotland. It may be some time, however, before the British North America Act has been amended to give Gaelic a constitutional status alongside English and French.

The latest chapter in the tale of the long drawn feud between Australia and the rabbits shows a surprising twist. A few years ago rabbits were reported eating the Australians out of house and home.

There is no reason whatsoever why a policeman chasing a stolen car should start shooting. Police are apt to be too quick on the draw, and if they have to be armed (and not all police forces in the world are armed) they should be instructed not to use their arms unless in self-defence or in the utmost emergency to defend the life of someone else.

This will probably go down in the records as one of the hottest summers in many years. Beaches have been crowded, ice cream dealers have been doing a roaring trade, and even soft drinks probably have been consumed to fill up every dried up river bed on the continent. It has been unusual, and physical comfort has been hard to find. Yet it may be a source of mental comfort to us to realize that if we have been hard hit, other communities have been much worse off. For instance, in Indiana, where near 100-degree temperatures had been recorded for several days, the Zionsville Times carried a blank page in front page with the following explanation: "With the weather what it has been, feel free to write in your own weather story here. We're too miserably hot to write one."

and scientists were called on to utilize parasites and disease to One would not think that there is much in common between the neck of a giraffe and that of a mouse but there is. The giraffe, with its wide expanse of neck, has exactly the same number of bones that are in the neck of a mouse. That is an indication of the marvelous work of the Creator. Kitchener Waterloo-Record

The famous Rhine river has for long stretches become an evil smelling, dirty river, bathing in which must be prohibited since it is too dangerous to bathe. This is due to industrial and urban pollution of the water. Fish, especially salmon, refuse to migrate far up the river. — West Germany Bulletin

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