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CIRCULATION

"Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew"

"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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Academic Independence

Canadians should take seriously the warning of Dean Neville V. Scarf of the faculty of science, University of Manitoba, that school boards and boards of education have too much power over teachers and that there is "dictatorship".

This country has come a long way from the concept of a school consisting of a log with a teacher seated on one end and a scholar on the other end.

The teacher, instead of being the essential factor in education, is just a cog in the educational system and all too often treated, in Dean Scarf's words as "a humble employee in a factory and the justification usually given for this state of affairs is that teachers are inefficient."

To raise the standard of teaching, however, it is necessary to again put the profession on a high plane. The association of pupil and teacher should be recognized as the essential feature of education, not any curriculum, set of examinations or system of instruction.

The Last Pioneers

Lloydminster, a pleasant modern town squarely on Canada's Saskatchewan-Alberta border, last month celebrated its founding 50 years ago by pioneers who took part in what may have been the largest single emigration of British people to the Americas.

The majority, however, loaded supplies and equipment into covered wagons for a journey of 200 miles still farther into the empty Canadian prairies.

The slow-moving caravan halted and staked out claims at what is now Lloydminster. In tents and flimsy shacks, they endured a terrible winter. Many froze to death. Their hitherto trusted leader abdicated with their money.

On hand for the festivities was Ralph Gray, chief of the National Geographic Society's School Service, who with his family is now retracing Sir Alexander Mackenzie's epochal path across the wide northern expanse of this continent.

the American explorers Lewis and Clark by a dozen years, Mackenzie was the first to cross a wide portion of North America.

Sobering Reflections

Reviewing last week's Liberal landslide in serious mood, the Winnipeg Free Press, one of the leading organs of the successful party, makes the following reflections:

"For the Liberals now to assume that their fifth term mandate is the equivalent of a complete absolution from all past errors would be wrong in fact and dangerous in practice. The verdict will certainly not entitle them to dismiss all future criticisms by reference to the fate of past critics."

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EDITORIAL NOTES

The use of a power sprayer to assist in fighting a fire at Kinkora calls attention to a valuable reserve of fire-fighting equipment in rural areas.

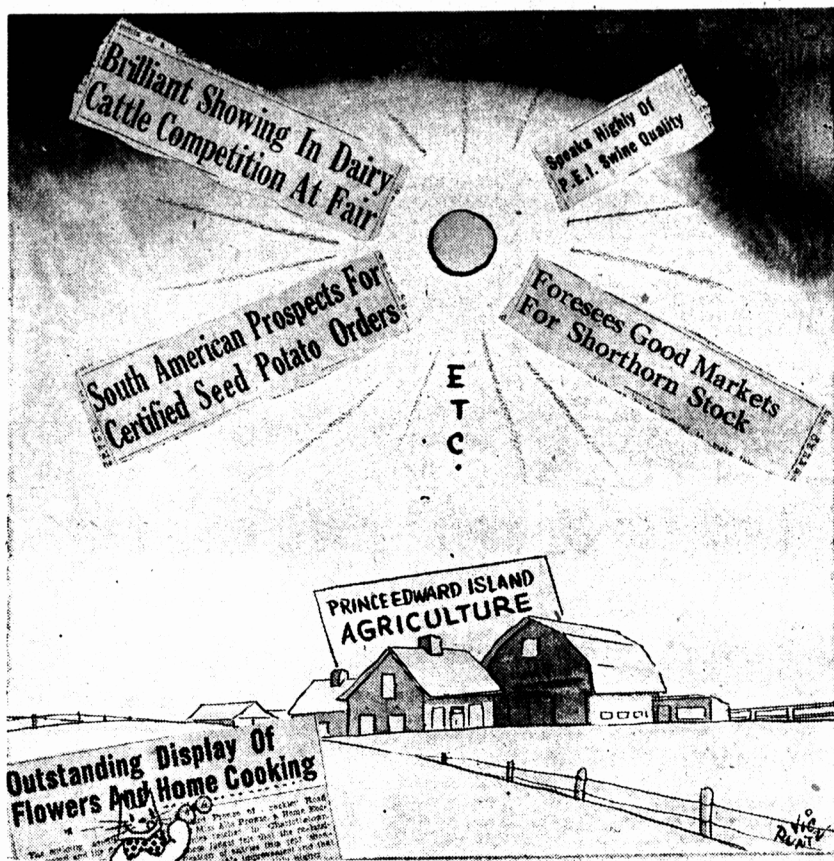
Attention is called to a recent recommendation of a coroner's jury that extreme caution should be used in the handling of accident victims. It is natural for those first on the scene of an accident to try to be helpful but in many cases the less the victim is moved the better.

Islanders have gradually taken over most of the key posts in Maritime Central Airways Maintenance Ltd. but if the end of the present contracts for the maintenance of aircraft from the Summerside schools is not quickly followed by other work the skilled personnel, Islanders and others alike, will be dispersed and any future development will present as great a difficulty as did the original staffing of the repair establishment.

Orville Wright, pioneer American aviator, was born this date 1871, at Dayton, Ohio. He became a journalist and then, with his brother Wilbur, started a bicycle business. They built an aircraft, the "Kitty Hawk", which Orville flew on Dec. 17, 1903, the first man to successfully rise from the ground by mechanical means.

In a ceremony at the Six Nations Indian Reserve, on October 13, British plowman Alfred Hall of Seaton, Workington, Cumberland, will be made an honorary Indian Chief, but his Indian title is being kept secret until the ceremony.

In A Good Light



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.

NO RISK

Sir.—There would be no risk whatsoever in adopting Mr. Pennington's suggestion of a pipe on the Abegweit. If it did not attract tourists, it would at least have the merit of keeping the sea-gulls at a respectable distance from the boat.

TOM MIX

EARLY IMMIGRATION

Sir.—A letter in Saturday's Guardian with this heading began with the story of George MacKay, his wife Annie Macintosh and their 10 children. It should have said that their daughter, Elizabeth, who married Morton Lydiard, named her son also Morton Lydiard. This son died only recently in Chicago, never having visited this Province.

ARCH MACKENZIE

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

ATTACKED BY SEA SERPENT

"At Miminegash, 16th day of August, as Matthew McDonald and James Doyle, two men in the employ of E. G. Fuller, were hauling their trawls they observed an unusual commotion on the water near them. 'Is that a squall?' said Doyle. 'Great Heavens!' exclaimed McDonald as the line he was hauling took a sudden surge and parted, a hook tearing his hand from one side to the other, and a huge form arose from the sea full 20 feet out of the water."

"McDonald gave the helm to Doyle, who crouching down in the afterberth barely showed his head, while Mac, rather the cooler of the two, quickly improvised a sort of spear out of a long knife, which he lashed to an oar. He describes the fish as a sort of snake, striped yellow and white, with a mouth as large as the open end of a puncheon, and each time it raised out of the water it uttered a roar like the bellowing of a bull."

On The Record

(Winnipeg Free Press)

Shortly after the onset of the depression in 1930, an anthology was published in the United States. The title was "Oh, Yeah!" In this little book were collected the foolish sayings of the great as to the permanence of the prosperity of the late 1920's.

The London Observer in the brief compass of one article has collected sayings from its columns in the period of 1926 to 1933. While not entirely of the debunking sort, all of them are interesting.

After I had been with Herr Hitler a few minutes I found we had similar interests.—Mr. Lansbury, 1937. We shall reach the helm within five years.—Sir Oswald Mosley. In words the Soviet bureaucracy fight for Communism; in actuality, it fights for its income, its privileges, and power.—Leon Trotsky, 1938.

The shame of Munich lay not so much in the surrender itself as in the rejoicing of some of our people that they had been saved for a time at the expense of another and weaker people.—Mr. Leonard P. Behrens, 1939. There has never been a British refugee.—Lord Lloyd, 1939.

The Government has no reason to suppose that if grave events should supervene they should survive in a fortnight or three weeks or any particular time.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain, July 27, 1939. Grass is growing on the Front Bench.—Lady Astor, 1940.

I am sorry to say I have not got any spare coupons at all.—The King, 1943. We are living in slightly exceptional times.—Mr. Eden, 1944. Too many homes are built on foundations of crushed women.—Clough Williams-Ellis, 1946. Without Sidney Webb I might air, it made a rush for the boat. McDonald says he thought it was all up with him, but he kept cool, and raising his improvised harpoon struck the monster in the eye, driving the oar clear in its head, and breaking the knife in the wound. With a roar of pain it sank out of sight, reddening the water around with its blood.

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Notes By The Way

In Russia after an election they say everything is over but the shooting.—Hamilton Spectator. Ohio wrestling coach says wrestling was a sport in 2000 B. C. We would still like to know the Greek word for sport.—Hamilton Spectator.

Boastfulness is a transparent cloak, confirming weakness. "Where boasting ends, there dignity begins." A combination of strength and silence is the utmost in dignity, for it is genuine humility, which is always admired. Strength does not always need to be silent, for it is eloquent and has a right to speak for itself; but the babbling of the braggart is merely a loud advertisement of inferiority.—editorial for young people, Hamilton Spectator.

If Canada had not so many other directions in which she can produce for export, and if Canada's short but brilliant economic growth had not, of necessity, at the start turned a young nation's eyes from the sea to the enormous possibilities of inland development, we might be more conscious of our fisheries, a larger fishing fleet, eat more fish ourselves and compete more in the market for cured, salted, and refrigerated fish. However, the opportunity is still open and we have lost none of our seafaring spirit and enterprise.

How's this for a good fishing place? On Sunday, July 12, six rainbow trout were caught, the largest 8 1/2 pounds, the smallest two pounds. On Sunday, July 19, two anglers gathered in several rows, from six pounds down. Surely this is as fine fishing as any angler could hope for. Where were the fish caught? It's kind of a secret, because the fishermen involved in the above catches aren't too sure about the law. But the place is the Glenmore reservoir at the southwestern corner of Calgary. Since its construction more than twenty years ago, Glenmore was closed to angling.—Calgary Alberta.

To show us how to make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before.—Mr. Walter Elliott, 1933. I have never delivered a fire-branch speech.—Herr Hitler, 1933. To help the unemployed is not the same thing as dealing with unemployment.—Sir Herbert Samuel, 1933. The recent gyrations of the dollar have looked to me more like a gold standard on the booze than the ideal managed currency which I hope for.—Mr. J.M. Keynes, 1933.

The streets which are known only by a number (Fourth Avenue Tenth Street) reflect the period of the grid-iron city plan. Some cities have even toyed with the idea that a system of decimal numbers (or is it logarithms?) could be used to identify every street and house number in the region. In Newfoundland, however, we find the following: Come by Chatter, Cocheman's Cove, Coomb's Cove, Deep Bight, Douting Cove, Heart Content, Heart's Desire, Hooping Harbour, Horse Chops, Isle aux Moris, Joe Batts Arm, Lamaline, La Poile, Leading Tickle, Lushes Bight, Nippers Harbour, Old Port au Choix, Petit Port, Pouch Cove, Presque, Ratling Brook, St. Jones Within, St. Shotts. Here are names that make pleasant sounds. Old Quebec also abounds in names that have a "joie de vivre": L'A-Bord a Plouffe (Plouffe's Landing), St. Jean Port Joli (the lovely port), Les Eboulements (the tumble down), Barnabois (do you hear the pebbles rolling in the combers?), La Malbale (evil bay), Cloridrome, Pointe au Pere (father point), Trois Pistoles (three cats), La Descente des Femmes (the coming down of the women). CPAC Newsletter.

The Age Old Story For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee; they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth, the living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day; the father to the children shall make known thy truth, The Lord was ready to save me; therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the Lord.

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