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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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A Little Odd

British shipping companies recently complained that American naval cutters were shadowing their freighters from one port to another...

What American authorities choose to do for their own protection is, of course, their own business. It does seem a little odd, however, that they should have the slightest suspicion that a friendly and allied Power might be disposed to blow up one or more of their ports...

It may be that the American fear is based not on possible lethal action on the part of some British skipper but rather on the possibility that the agent of an unfriendly power might deposit a bomb in the hold of some ship without the skipper's knowledge...

Agricultural Diagnosis

Composed as it is of top ranking officials of both our Provincial and Federal Departments of Agriculture, the Agricultural Council holds a unique position in this Province. It is not an elective body, in the sense that it is directly responsible to the public...

It is evident that this organization is by no means satisfied with the trend of our agricultural economy. Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, was chosen to give the key address at the Council's annual meetings last week...

There are, Mr. Shaw points out, almost 125,000 fewer acres of improved farm land in the Province today than there were in 1911, and 60,000 fewer acres under crops. Grain production on an acreage basis has not noticeably increased...

We have failed in our conservation methods. In barnyard manure alone the figures are impressive. The Council estimates a loss of 60 per cent on the total manure valuation, which means 9,460,200 pounds of nitrogen, 2,918,280 pounds of phosphoric acid...

Other points noted are the neglect in handling potatoes for hog and cattle feed; disregard of weed control and grass land improvement, wastage in the use of farm machinery, and faulty marketing methods...

gone by; to the need for expanding our markets in Labrador, Cape Breton and other Maritime areas where mining and military developments have taken place.

Our farmers are among the most progressive in Canada, and their individual achievements in recent years would make a very impressive story. But this is not the point at issue. The Agricultural Council is rightly concerned, not with our success in specialized fields, but in overall planning for the future...

Since the Lattimer report, we believe that nothing of importance commensurate with Mr. Shaw's key address at the Agricultural Council meetings has appeared in this Province. It is to be hoped that it will serve its purpose in focusing attention on the weaknesses in our farm economy...

EDITORIAL NOTES

St. David's Day

It is most satisfactory that a new agreement has been reached continuing the North Atlantic weather network. One station, "H", off the United States coast, will be deleted but the other nine will be continued for at least two years.

A member of Toronto's Board of Control charges, amongst other things, that police were tagging motorists indiscriminately. Anywhere else that would be regarded as conscientious performance of duty.

The one bright aspect of the nationwide scarcity of housing and serviced land is that it will provide a very large amount of work indeed for materials and construction in order to house Canadians as they should be housed.

The cultivation of poetry is a perennial source of delight, and our esteemed contributor in today's Poet's Corner, Mr. H. R. Lockerby, of Fortune Cove, can testify that it is conducive to longevity as well. His fine poem, written to celebrate his ninetyeth birthday anniversary, will be appreciated by all our readers.

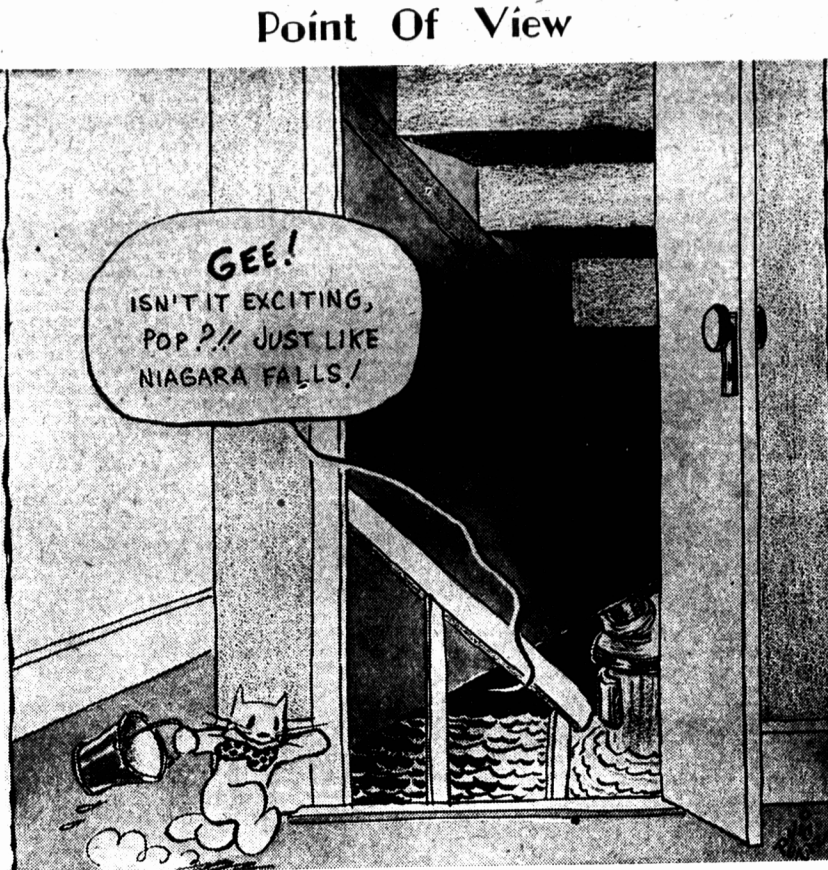
It was, of course, a woman writer who decided that the laziness of women is one of the chief assets of industry. Surveying the many labour-saving gadgets being marketed, mechanical, electronic and disposable, she has concluded that the top brains of science and a major part of industry are employed for that reason alone.

The serious housing condition in Charlottetown reported to the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion indicates that a great deal of housing construction is still needed at a cost that people can afford to pay. Possibly the Community Planning Association could make recommendations as to the most satisfactory approach to the problem.

Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin, English architect, was born this date 1812. He was the pioneer of the revival of Gothic architecture in the nineteenth century, designed the furniture of Windsor Castle, detailed drawings for the Houses of Parliament and many Roman Catholic churches.

The fierce Vikings of song and story are being changed into a civilized and cultivated people by research promoted by Norwegian and Belgian teachers. The sea kings' reputation may be improved by the efforts of scholars and researchers but the loss will be that of the youngsters who will not readily dream dreams of Norsemen who were handy with painter's brush and potter's wheel.

A notable feature of the automobile industry may well revert to earlier conditions. In the days of custom-built cars there was great variety of design and individual models were easily recognizable. Mass production changed all that because of the enormous cost of the presses used to punch out steel body parts...



Point Of View

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.

SERVICES APPRECIATED

Sir,—With regard to a paragraph printed in the report of the monthly meeting of the Charlottetown Branch of the Canadian Legion in Friday's paper, concerning the scale of wages being set by the local U.I.C. for outside contractors, I may say that the Canadian Legion does not necessarily endorse the opinion of its individual members...

I am, Sir, etc. STANLEY G. BRYANT, President Charlottetown Branch Canadian Legion

PROGRESSIVISTS, ETC.

Sir,—The author of "Let's Talk It Over" says that his friends are wont to refer to him as "small d". I have to assure him that I did not use the other sobriquet with any design to classify myself as an enemy of his. Not being conversant with the intimate predilections associated with that "traditional" cognomen, I was motivated solely by the fact that it seemed to give me more happiness...

Any way, it is gratifying to know that there is a "middle of the road" party in the educational world. What intrigues me, however, is the fact that self-styled "middle of the road" men like Mr. Chandler and "small d" lean so perilously to the progressivist side. Now, don't think that I have a particular animus against Mr. Chandler. I know scores of his acquaintances and the consensus of opinion is that he is a prepossessing gentleman...

The same tendentiousness reveals itself in "small d's" appraisal of the debate. After stating that he agreed with many of the arguments against progressivism, he levelled a volley of ironical epithets at the traditionalists. "The dear dead past, etc." He intimated that their minds were hermetically sealed against any modern ideas.

I don't know which method was in vogue when "small d" learned to read. But if his reading on the lines equates his reading between them, it isn't anything to boast of. My mentioning that Island educational leaders studied and obtained degrees from Canadian mainland and American universities was to refute his intimating that education here is as idiosyncratic as potato growing, and not to voice a blanket condemnation of the practice...

It is heartening to know that I am dealing with a man who has a sense of humor. That attribute is a magic solvent of misunderstandings. Dewey's method of teaching the meaning of the word "jump" was interpreted as I intended it to be. Nevertheless there are pedagogical techniques practised locally that

Indialogue

By Gerald Steele 4th Year S.D.U. Student

ILLS AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING ABOUT THEM

After malnutrition which directly takes the largest toll of deaths in India, malaria and tuberculosis are the biggest killers. Malaria affects an unbelievably large section of the population estimated by some to be well over 20 million...

As a remedial measure, India has founded the National Malaria Control Program, designed to offer protection to 125 million of the population. After much research in conjunction with U.N. organizations and other international bodies the Indian Government has embarked upon this program...

Tuberculosis ranking next to malaria, kills from 250 to 500 people out of every 100,000 of the population. Due to malnutrition and the ravages of other diseases, resistance is very low among the masses to the number of tubercular people is increasing. Unfortunately sanatoria are extremely scarce...

Cholera is a dread disease spread very rapidly through the water supply of different villages. Incidence of death from cholera is about 7 per 1000 of the population, or over 14 million deaths per year. More widespread use of certain Sulpha drugs now is helping larger sections of the population against this killer...

Leprosy is a very real threat in India for here are found about one million of the estimated 5 million sufferers in the world. Some of these are found in leper colonies, but the greater number can be found wandering the streets as beggars and derelicts. Because

have more merit as callisthenics than as mental disciplines. Finally, it is not practicable for me to cite local personally verified exemplifications of progressivism. I am not actually engaged in pedagogical work...

I am, Sir, etc. W. J. ENRIGHT, Charlottetown.

The Poet's Corner

"MY MIND TO ME A KINGDOM IS"

Imagination shows to me Horizons far on land and sea - In wonderment I contemplate The universe, so vastly great.

This earth we love, and where we stay, Turns on its axis every day, And out in space so cold and clear, Goes whirling round the sun each year.

With awe, I gaze on wondrous night, The starry sky, and moonbeams bright, That shed a weird mysterious glow O'er land and sea where waters flow.

My mind goes roaming far and wide, To gather memories that abide Through all the ninety years I've seen.

Through ups and downs, my lot has been, I've wandered far, I've wandered wide, And memories linger side by side, Niagara's foaming falls I've seen, And felt the prairie cold most keen.

I've crossed the Rockies, wild and free, And sailed the great Pacific sea, To Southern climes, where summer stays With all the lovely winter days.

—H. R. Lockerby, Fortune Cove, via Howlan, P.E.I. Written on the occasion of his ninetyeth birthday anniversary, February 22nd.

Notes By The Way

"English may be a living tongue but some speakers make it sound pretty dead" — London Free Press.

A subscriber asks if we know of a way to keep potatoes from sprouting. Yes; eat them. — Peterborough Examiner.

One good thing that can be said about winter is that you can get all the way home before the ice cream melts. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Too bad there is no way of framing a labor law to prevent kids from working their mothers to death. — Hamilton Spectator.

One thing about moving frequently — you may not have many good friends — but you end up with curtains that will fit almost any kind of window. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

It has taken a long time to make the discovery, but slums in any city are a heavy cost. In money, paid out in fire, police, welfare and other services, they take seven times more than the revenue they provide in taxes. — St. Catharines Standard.

Woman of the week undoubtedly is Bertha, wife of an Alaskan fur trapper named Raymond George. She is an Eskimo. They wear trapping alone on the Seward peninsula. She had never driven a dog team in her life — that's a man's job — but when her husband was severely burned by an exploding gasoline tank she did the only possible thing to save his life...

It's amazing how quickly the little ones grow up. "You no sooner get through sitting up with them than you're sitting up for them," says a grandfather. — Toronto Star.

Square and commanding a fine view of our beautiful City of Charlottetown are still to be let. The remaining portion of the building is held by The Examiner Publishing Company, entrance to The Examiner being by a door and stairway ingeniously placed in the front of the building so that it does not subtract materially from the breadth of the large single-pane show windows of Messrs. Harris and Stewart and Messrs. McLeod and McKenzie. The business and editorial offices of The Examiner are on the first floor (first door to the right), while the jobbing room, composing room and press room occupy a large part of the second floor.

"Messrs. McKinnon and McLean are now supplying the building with hot water apparatus, and, altogether, the London House has been thoroughly repaired and improved according to plans furnished by the architect, Mr. W. C. Harris, Jr., and under the supervision of the contractor, Mr. Cox. As it stands today, it reflects great credit on the owner, George Davies, Esq. It is worthy of remark that the stone sidewalk in front of the London House was one of the first laid down in this city; and that now, after twenty-five years has elapsed, citizens generally are only just beginning to imitate the good example.

"The old wooden front of the store of Messrs. Beer Brothers has been pulled down, and a new one of brick and stone — one of the handsomest and most imposing in the city — has been erected. There are two very large plate windows on the ground floor, and six large gable ones on the first and second. The interior on the ground floor has been entirely remodelled.

"A parapet has been placed all around the roof building, and it has been made practically fireproof from the outside, besides having its appearance greatly improved. Mr. Dodd has introduced something new in show windows, and judging by the large flag stones placed in front of the building, one of the best sidewalks in the city.

—The Examiner, Oct. 16, 1888.

Combating illness in India, there are three general systems of medicine followed: the Western system as we know it. The Ayurvedic system coming from the ancient Vedic writings through the Hindus, and the Unani system, coming from the Greeks through the Moslems. Although sentiment is swinging more to the Western system, the latter two schools are still quite strong. Regardless of the system followed however, there is much work to be done by all. In this battle for human lives, new emphasis is placed on research in India itself, and in the training of more doctors and nurses. With the help of other countries and of international health organizations such as the WHO, India may one day be able to lift her head and assert that as far as her death rate is concerned, she is no longer one of the most uncivilized countries in the world.

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Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENTS

"Among the many improvements which have been effected in Charlottetown during the season now closing, perhaps the most noticeable are those apparent in the London House, the establishment of Messrs. Beer Brothers, and Dodd's Building, which includes the handsome store of Messrs. Dodd and Rogers and Dr. Dodd's Medical Hall.

"The London House was well and substantially built by the Messrs. Davies about twenty years ago, and has ever since been the centre of attraction for purchasers of dry goods. The ground floor has now been divided by a partition running its entire length. Messrs. Harris and Stewart retain the larger store on the corner, which is still one of the finest in town. They have an elegant show room in the rear for millinery and mantles, and about two-thirds of the first floor for the sale of clothing, carpets, house furnishings, and hats and caps. The smaller store on the ground floor is occupied by Messrs. McLeod and McKenzie as a gentlemen's outfitting establishment. Messrs. McLeod and McKenzie have also a large, airy and well-lighted work room on the second floor.

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