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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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Tax Returns in Evidence

It has long been a principle of the Income Tax law as well as in other matters in which the subject is required to reveal his affairs to the Government that the information so disclosed will not be used for other purposes than the one for which it is given.

It is quite intolerable that such a situation be permitted to continue. It is difficult enough for the Government to get the information it requires for particular objects when the public is aware that it will not be used for other purposes.

At the same time the subject will be perpetually placed in the position of revealing personal and business information, never knowing to what use it may be put. If it can be used in a criminal case it may well be that it can be called for in suits with the Crown or even in civil actions.

Churchill's Tribute

In a fine "hands-across-the-sea" gesture, Great Britain is building a chapel in St. Paul's Cathedral with stained-glass windows incorporating the insignia of the 48 states of the American Union.

The Roll of Honor in St. Paul's Cathedral bears the names of 28,000 citizens of the United States who lost their lives during the war while based upon Britain.

"Our two countries, parted long ago by war, were brought together again by war in a unity and understanding such as we had never known. Through long years of endeavour and endurance we shared all things, and though we lost so much we found a lasting friendship.

Fortunate Island Farmers

This Province is indeed fortunate in the increase shown in the value of field crops from some twenty and one-third million dollars in 1951 to an estimated \$30,893,000 this year.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of prices paid farmers for their products, based on 1935-39 average prices as 100, rose steadily throughout the war and responded to inflationary factors in the post war period as follows: 1945, 184.2; 1946, 200.8; 1947, 212.5; 1948, 252.6; 1949, 255.4; 1950, 260.8; 292.0.

237.8 in August 1951; and 243.4 in August, 1952. Actually, the net operating cost to farmers was much higher than the index indicates in that feed and seed, which the farmer himself produces, showed marked declines.

The farmer cannot possibly compete for help with industrial wages. He and his helpers have no fixed hours of work whereas, again according to DBS statistics, the average working week of hourly rated workers in manufacturing industries averaged 41.4 hours in September, 1952 against 41.7 in September, 1951.

The effect of these farm wage costs and mechanization of the larger farms is shown in the new census figures. In September, 1947, the agricultural labor force of Canada totalled 1,663,000 compared to non-agricultural workers totalling 3,658,000.

Another striking fact revealed by the census is that though rural population in Canada increased by 7.7 per cent between 1941 and 1951, Canada's actual farm population decreased by 320,000 or more than ten per cent, to 2,827,732.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Summerside is in an almost unique position amongst municipal governments in having a spare public building. If the experience of other governments is any indication there will soon be enough departments wanting additional space to bring it fully into use.

Many tasks can be undertaken by the blind and today they are entering industry, business and the professions. In this Province, however, there is a very definite advantage in hitting upon such a manufacture as knitting the heads for lobster traps.

American youngsters are not going to be enthused at the recommendation of a committee of the National Education Association that children in upper elementary grades be restricted to informal intramural sports competition, together with physical education for all youngsters.

Appeals in some contempt of court cases will be permitted if a proposed amendment to the Criminal Code is adopted. The idea is to provide for an appeal in case of conviction of contempt committed outside the courtroom and an appeal only against sentence in the case of contempts within a courtroom.

John Crome, usually known as Old Crome, founder of the Norwich School of Artists, was born this date 1768. From errand boy, he became apprenticed to a house painter but sketched in his leisure. Getting a post as drawing master he was able to give more time to his painting.

The Netherlands Government has put itself at the head of a procession leading not only toward the unification of Europe but toward a transformation in the idea of national sovereignty, says the New York Times. The Parliament in The Hague is the first in the world to amend its Constitution to permit a cession of national power to a supranational authority.

Interpreting The News



The Poet's Corner

THE IVY GREEN Whole ages have fled and their works decayed. And nations have scattered been: But the stout old ivy shall never fade.

Books Received

TOMORROW THE HARVEST by Viola Paradise (in Canada, Geo. J. McLeod, Ltd., \$4.25, 316 pp.) Cape Elizabeth, Maine, is the setting of this novel of the years following the American Revolution.

SEVEN PILLARS OF FREEDOM

by Dr. Watson Kirkconnell (Toronto, Burns and MacEachern, 188 pp. \$3). This is a revision of Dr. Kirkconnell's exposé of the Communist Party in Canada and Russia which was first published in 1944.

THE FISH HAWK'S NEST

by Stephen W. Meader (in Canada, George J. McLeod, Ltd., 286 pp. \$3.95). The New Jersey coast in 1820 as today abounds in a maze of tidal creeks and was a tempting target for smugglers for two hundred years.

THE CASE OF THE GRINNING GORILLA

by Erle Stanley Gardner (George J. McLeod, Ltd., 271 pp.). Reading Gardner is studying scientific criminology, trial procedure and criminal law as well as indulging in the escapism of the murder mystery.

ONE OF THE FIFTEEN MILLION

by Nicholas Prychodko (J. M. Dent & Sons (Canada) Ltd., 169 pp., paper). This little volume is the story of a gentle Ukrainian professor whose crime was that his father had owned 25 acres of land.

How Bishop Nicholas Became Santa Claus

The structure of this nation is, in considerable extent, still based on the system of private, or capitalistic enterprise, so it is only fitting that spokesmen for industry should lead the way in perpetuating and explaining the folklore surrounding the figure of Santa Claus.

Washington Irving, early 19th century American author, is credited with first picturing Saint Nicholas as a plump, jolly gentleman, resembling Father Knickerbocker in some respects.

Old Charlottetown

"Sergt. MacDougall has kindly consented to exercise the students of the Prince of Wales College in military drill, three times in each week. He does this gratuitously.

The Age-Old Story

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

TWEEDS and WORSTEDS

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Notes By The Way

The ox may be a rarity on our city streets but certainly hasn't vanished from the Maritimes farm scene where here and there it continues to perform efficiently.

Weather sharps are saying that it's still a bit too early to tell what kind of a winter we will have. But based on past performance, we're predicting a certain amount of snow and some more or less cold weather.

A member of the family of Chamberlayne who owned Maudersbury Manor, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, was a man of original ideas, and was determined to have a good view of the coronation of William IV.

Why is it necessary to put an end to professional gambling? The short answer is that under the law, the Criminal Code, professional gambling is a crime punishable by (fine and, or, imprisonment. Why, it may be asked, did Parliament in its wisdom enact such a law?

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