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Federation of Agriculture

The farmer has traditionally been an individualist and, in the past, attempts to bring about a measure of organized action have met with notable failure. Not deterred by this, the founders of the Federation of Agriculture set out to place farming on a par with big business and organized labour.

The task has not been easy, for old habits are hard to shake, but today the Federation has the whole-hearted support of a very large proportion of our farmers and has been able to advance their interests in a way which would have been quite impossible for even the most progressive and aggressive individuals.

This week the County annual meetings are being held at O'Leary, Morell and Charlottetown, providing an opportunity for the individual member to take his part in this great organization.

CMHC Digs In

When Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation emerged as the lusty offspring of Wartime Housing, nobody imagined the infant crown corporation would last more than a few years. It looked like just another of those post-war "emergency" outfits, destined to go up like a rocket and come to just as abrupt, if slightly less spectacular an end.

However, CMHC has turned into a satellite of government, and it now looks as if it is here to stay. Right now about the most spectacular housing project which CMHC is sponsoring is its own 2 million dollar head office building in the heart of Ottawa.

For Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to go ahead with this costly undertaking, which does nothing whatever to ease the housing problem of the ordinary citizen, at a time when the Government itself has called for the utmost economy in public works projects, is the sort of thing that makes most people see red.

Public confidence in the Government's professed economy drive would be considerably strengthened if Cabinet set a definite example. Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation's 2 million dollar palace home in Ottawa would be a good place to begin.

Some Farm Statistics

The role of agriculture in Canada's future is the subject of a special article in the current issue of the Financial Post. The author is Dr. E. S. Archibald, director of the Dominion Experimental Farm Service, Ottawa, who is well known here. Dr. Archibald estimates that we have in Canada some 175 million acres of occupied farm lands, 89 million acres of which are cultivated, with 53 million acres in range and pasture lands. It is probable that we have no more than 45 million acres reserve undeveloped areas for cultivation, and this in less favored areas as to climate for crop production.

This would mean that 130 million acres cultivated land for our present population allows an average of 10 acres per person. In contrast to other countries this is a very favorable amount. Europe has 3.2 total and only 1 acre of arable land per person. Asia has 5.3 total and only 0.7 per acre per person. Holland has only 1/2 acre and Denmark 2 acres of arable land per person. Yet in many other countries production per acre is vastly greater than in Canada due to causes of climate and more especially the intensive methods of soil culture and livestock management.

Aside from specialized cash crops, such as tobacco, potatoes, orchards and other horticultural crops, Canadian farms use very little commercial fertilizer, yet every ton of meat, milk, wheat or coarse grains sold from the farm carries valuable nitrogen, potassium, potash and calcium which must be replaced if crop production is to be maintained or increased. According to FAO statistics, Holland uses 100 times as much commercial fertilizer per acre as Canada, yet small though she is in area she has a greater livestock population than Ontario and carefully conserves and uses the manure. Moreover, she, like Denmark, Belgium and other countries, now has rich soils which once were sea sands low in production.

Statements are often made as to the vast agricultural areas of Canada as yet undeveloped. Actually these areas are few and not vast. Dr. Archibald is of

opinion that the greatest hope for growth in our agricultural production lies in the more intensive use of soils in the older areas where the costs of land clearing and farm establishment have already been met.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Halifax has accepted \$197,394 from the Federal Government in lieu of taxes "as a positive act of faith." In other words as earnest for more.

Press advertisements sound the call and the R. C. A. F. mobile recruiting unit here provides the opportunity for air-minded youngsters.

H. R. H. Prince Charles of Edinburgh, born this date 1948. He is in the line of direct succession to the Crown after his mother, the Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh.

Queen's is getting pretty close to opening the campaign for the Federal by-election. Between now and party nomination dates there will be steady canvassing by prospects and their supporters.

Merchants are not at all favourable to combining Friday and Saturday business in one. A merchant in Grafton Street had to employ four policemen to regulate the customers at his store.

Quiet, law abiding Prince Edward Island is surely not going to enter competition with those other provinces which feature wholesale burglaries and hold-ups. Kensington break should serve to put us on our guard.

The favourable Fall weather has been long and enjoyable, but with November nearly half over, we must prepare for the inevitable cold and storms, for which furnaces, storm windows and warm clothing were invented. Contractors and dry-goods stores are busy as the proverbial hatters.

General regret is felt in city, town and country at the hunting accident at Annandale resulting in the drowning of P. W. C. student Edward Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark. Sympathy goes out to the parents and the Hutchesons in their sad and unexpected bereavement.

A 14-year-old with 40 winners to his credit already, Lester Piggott is favoured to become Britain's Champion Jockey in the next few years. He has been competing with leading British adult riders like Gordon Richards, on level terms.

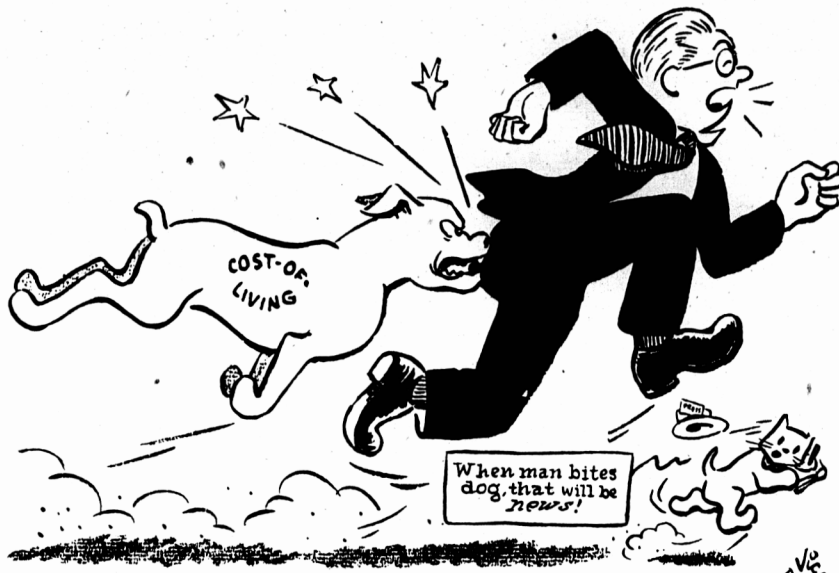
That the Communist menace in this country continues should have been clear from the report of the Royal Commission on Espionage published about four years ago. The Reds had then, and probably still have, not one but several spy organizations and are at pains that no member should be able to betray more than a very small portion of his own particular group.

Milk producers and vendors meeting tonight are a hard working and generally unappreciated group. It is only when something goes wrong with delivery, or there is a rare price increase, that they are given a thought. Yet there are few who would willingly exchange places with them even for the satisfaction of providing the most wholesome beverage for growing youngsters.

External Affairs Minister Pearson has under consideration the question of the issuance of a passport to Joseph Zuken of Winnipeg, a delegate to the so-called "Peace Conference" opening in Sheffield, England, yesterday, Nov. 13. This was disclosed by comment on a Winnipeg dispatch quoting Mr. Zuken as saying his application for a passport was being subjected to "long, unusual delay." The department merely said: "We are aware that Mr. Zuken has sent a wire to the minister and the matter is under consideration by the minister."

The U. S. Federal Government has sued a Philadelphia wholesale produce firm for \$12,592 in damages for alleged violation of an agreement between the United States and Canada. Named defendant in the suit is I. Kallish and Sons, charged with selling Canada-grown potatoes for human consumption in violation of the agreement between the two countries. The suit was filed at the request of the Department of Agriculture. It charged the firm members breached an Agriculture Department regulation from November, 1948, to June, 1949, prohibiting the sale of Irish, or common-variety potatoes grown in Canada. Such potatoes can be sold in U. S. A. for seed use only, the suit said. The Kallish firm is charged with bringing 30 carloads from Canada. The firm sold 350,000 pounds of them into channels destined for the dinner table, the suit charged. This left an equal amount of American potatoes unsold which the government eventually bought at support prices.

Nothing New



COST-OF-LIVING INDEX TAKES ANOTHER LITTLE JUMP...

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

ADVERTISEMENTS

From the columns of Hasard's Gazette, Aug. 13, 1856: William Cudde, Esq. cashier of the Bank of Prince Edward Island, announces that the Bank "is now open for the transaction of business, at the office in the dwelling house of Wm. H. Pope, Esq., Grafton Street, hours from 10 to 3. Discount days - Monday and Thursday in each week." Robert Hutchinson, Mayor, in pursuance to the City's Act of Incorporation, 1855, gives notice that an election for one Councillor, for Ward Two, in place of John Coll McDonald, Esq., resigned, will be held on the 21st instant "at the Fire Engine House, fronting on Great George Street, and defines the boundaries of the Ward as comprising "all that part of Charlottetown which lies south of Richmond Street, and north of Rochester Street."

John Henderson, Brackley Point Road, reports that his Victoria Cloth and Carding Mills have undergone a thorough repair, and returns thanks to the public for very liberal support received during the past five years.

James J. Bevan offers to let "one half of that beautiful Brick house the property of Mr. George Foster, Stanhope, situated on the south side of Kent Street, and nearly opposite the residence of the Hon. George Coles." John Boyer, Queen Street Corner, "respectfully informs those ladies and gentlemen who may wish to partake of his cool and refreshing Summer drinks, that he has appropriated a large and well ventilated room for their accommodation."

Dr. Johnson, King Square, announces the return of his son, Dr. Hammond Johnson, from Harvard and Albany Colleges, United States, and that in future his medical establishment will be conducted in the name of Johnson and Son.

Benj. Davies, secretary, solicits subscriptions in aid of the Charlottetown Regatta Fund and announces the prizes to be awarded for races to be contended for on Wednesday, the 20th instant, between rowing boats manned by men belonging to H. M. S. "Arab", now in port.

Thomas Dodd, at his Brick Store on Pownall Street, announces the forthcoming sale of all his stock in trade, including groceries, hardware, furniture, clothing, boots and shoes, 1 gig, 1 cart, 1 sleigh, 20 tons of superior hay, and one bale of hops.

Bigger 1951 Budgets Needed

(Marketing) "What is likely to happen to advertising rates in Canada next year?" a New York advertising agency asked Marketing this week. The sudden flood of rate increases in the United States, particularly in the magazine and trade paper field, is causing no little concern to national advertisers.

In a survey among all types of media, our best advice at this time is that national advertisers should figure on rate increases in 1951 ranging from 8 to 15 per cent. The present taxation picture plus the possibilities of shortages due to the war is serious. There is reluctance among media owners to put further increases into effect, but expenses continue to mount with higher wages and benefit items for employees. One prominent magazine publisher said that his firm was trying to keep advertising rates at the 1950 level and studying other economies which might be effected in the production end. "Our advertisers and their advertising agencies could be of considerable help in holding down mechanical costs," he added. "If they would try to have their advertising copy and layouts right in the first place, it would save considerable needless expense in changes after setting. Also continual demands for extra proofs and attempts to have two and three publications using the same set of cuts adds to cost."

Peacemongers' Bogus Conference

(U. K. Information Office)

Prime Minister Attlee has declared the "Peace Congress" to be held in Sheffield, England, this month to be bogus.

In a recent address to the Foreign Press Association in London, the Prime Minister referred to the recent United Nations Week demonstrations in Britain. After exposing the Congress Committee as an offshoot of the "World Peace Movement," an instrument of the Politburo with over 90 per cent of its permanent committee known Communists or fellow-travellers, Mr. Attlee went on:

"What are their aims? They are to try to paralyse the efforts of the democracies to arm themselves. They seek to persuade the workers of the democracies to refuse to manufacture arms. At the same time, they urge the workers of the totalitarian states to increase their efforts in munition production. One of the Peace Movement's duties, stated in the Cominform directive of September 22 is to encourage the evasion of military service by the youth of the U.S.A., Britain, France and Yugoslavia. Even the most woefully minded pacifist can hardly be deceived into thinking this is due to conscientious objections to military service."

"We are told that this 'Peace Congress' is democratic. Its delegates are to be elected. It was announced in a Viennese paper that the Austrian delegates would be elected at a meeting on October 1. That sounds all right, but an application was made for visas for 16 named delegates as early as October 5! The results of the 'election' were known 16 days before. Some election! The obvious fact is that the whole thing is bogus. It is an appeal by the wolves to get the sheep to demonstrate against the use of shepherds and sheep dogs."

"You may ask why we allow the Congress to be held in Britain. The answer is that we have no power to prevent such a Congress. Ours is a free society, and, provided the law is not broken, all people enjoy the right of free assembly and free speech, no matter how misguided they are. This is the measure not of our weakness but of our strength. Totalitarian Governments dare not allow heretical opinions to be ventilated. We have such faith in our way of life that we let everyone blow off steam."

"There must, however, be a reasonable limit to our toleration of those who try, by misrepresentation, to undermine the liberties of the free countries. We shall not deny admission to people who, in good faith, may wish to attend the conference, but we are not willing to throw wide our doors to those who seek to come here to subvert our institutions, seduce our fellow citizens from their natural allegiance and their duty, and to make propaganda for those who call us cannibals and warmongers. Like all householders, we must exercise the right to refuse admittance to those we have no desire to entertain. Assuredly it is usual

six months. So far, only two have announced new 1951 rate increases but at least six others have the matter under consideration. Increases range from one to two cents a line with the average increase about 5 per cent.

The Poet's Corner

FALL OF LEAVES

Spin, leaves, spin and glow. Now westerly there blow. The winds which end the year. The winds which bring the snow.

Snug beneath the sky. The towns and cities lie. Snug each house and heat. The treasured fire heaped high.

Spin, leaves, spin and bound; Hold this naked ground. Hold earth's warmth within While winter's furies sound.

For now long shadows mark The coming of the dark. When man must guard his fire And earth her inner spark.

—Charles Malan.

to refuse admittance to those whose intention one knows is to burn the house down. Like all householders, we do not propose to publish a list of those who will not be welcome. It will be time enough to tell them when they knock at the door or, it may be, try to gate-crash. "As far as our own Communists are concerned, they enjoy the same freedom as the rest of us. We do not believe in giving them the pleasure and prestige of martyrdom. How much liberty should be given by society to those who seek to destroy the freedoms from which they benefit is a matter to be decided by each country in accordance with its circumstances. We allow this freedom. We feel that we are strong enough to take the risk."

Speaking of the Stockholm Appeal, the Prime Minister said: "I do not think the people of this country and of the other democracies will be deceived by these transparent manoeuvres. The history of the last five years show conclusively who are the real disturbers and real preservers of peace. Of all such proposals for disarmament I would say: you cannot humanise war; you cannot draw up a set of 'Queensberry Rules' which will rid it of its horrors."

"The only answer is to root out war itself, the causes which make for war."

"So long as fear, suspicion and jealousy persist, agreements to reduce armaments or abstain from the use of certain methods will achieve nothing. What we must have is the desire for peace and the will to agree. Given those, then questions of place, method and persons through whom agreement is to be reached would raise no difficulty. We must never abandon hope of such ultimate agreement and I know that the United Nations are constantly working to achieve it. But we must not let our hopes deceive us so that we neglect the strength on which the only real prospect of agreement depends."

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Notes By The Way

Scandinavian people can make a joke of the slowness of action in certain directions. As Vicomte du Guerny told the Canadian Club recently, time was one commodity of which there was plenty in Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway. The speaker reminded his audience that the history of these countries goes a long way back. Their citizens do not feel urgency for speedy decisions. They think slowly, talk slowly and act slowly. This is in marked contrast to the situation in North America, where so many of us become impatient with long-drawn-out problems, where perhaps the majority are gripped by a desire for hustle. —Fort William Times-Journal.

Add to the list of pests the people who call on your telephone and ask "who's that?" It's the height of impudence and conceit. The answer that ought to be given them would go something like this: "It's none of your business who I am. Who are you, and who do you want to speak with? You started this, and it's up to you to identify yourself first and to state your purpose. Then I'll help you, if I can." Of course, that answer is seldom given, but in the interest of improving telephone manners it should be, every time. A lesson like that would guarantee that the offence would never be repeated. —Calgary Albertan.

Broom manufacturers are fed up with those weird sisters who go galloping through the air on the broomsticks, bring their antics at curfew and prowl till the first cockcrow. "Continued publication of pictures of witches riding brooms," says a spokesman, "creates an unfavorable public attitude toward the broom industry." Time was when the broom was the symbol of a well-ordered domestic scene. But what with mechanical sweepers and toothless crosses still straddling broomsticks over the houseposts, the broom has lost favor with a lot of modern wives so its makers feel constrained to admit. —Hamilton Spectator.

Conviction of the third operator of Algoma tourist resorts on charge of smuggling goods into Canada would indicate the possibility that the "racket" is something of a widespread affair. Probably the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are wondering how many others, United States citizens who

are holders of non-resident visas of the border, are trying the same thing. In one case the smuggling involved goods to an estimated value of \$2,000. In another, \$1,400. In a third \$500. All of course were not brought into Canada during one trip. Such illegal importations were carried on during themselves testified. And each time none of it was declared to the border officials. Such acts of the part-time residents who come in from the United States to operate small business in this area do more harm to international goodwill than anything else. —Sault Ste. Marie Star.

The latest story about a postman and a dog comes from Boston where, each unseen by the other, the dog waiting behind a door bit the postman's fingers as he shoved letters through the mail slot in the door. Just why dogs, it one can believe all the stories told, members of society as postmen, is a mystery. And it is no credit to the dogs, and it is no credit to a postman molested by a dog should have it within his rights to refuse to deliver letters to a house where the householders doesn't keep a biting animal chained up. Let any such go to the post office and fetch their own mail home, and if they don't like that let them take up their complaint with the post office authorities who, it is to be hoped, have some elementary respect for the rights of their employees. To biases with those who think their precious pets are more important than human security. —Sydney Post-Record.

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

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