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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Trade Board Activities

The comprehensive review by retiring President Curtis and the various committee chairmen at the recent annual meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade indicated a year of considerable activity.

One of the most important matters emphasized in the latter connection was with regard to the western section of the Charlottetown waterfront, part of which has already in the words of the industrial development committee report, "gone into definite decay, and is lost for all time, while a large additional section will be seriously affected by the action of the sea in the next few years."

The new President, Lieut. Colonel Frank Storey, follows a long line of able business men who have headed the Board since its inception sixty-three years ago, and there is no doubt but that under his leadership it will continue to function aggressively in the public interest.

An Overburdened Date

Poor old June 27! Those interested in public affairs will note that three engagements of Province-wide importance have been fixed for this date. First and foremost are the annual rural school meetings, which all concerned in educational matters in their community are expected to attend.

Then we are to have the opening on this date of one of the biggest agricultural functions ever held here, the 30th annual convention of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, with between 300 and 400 outstanding agriculturists and prominent guest speakers in attendance.

Explanation in Order

In restoring insulin, pituitary extracts and other important drugs to the tariff-free list, the Canadian Government has made what the Winnipeg Free Press describes as "a sensible retreat from its previous indefensible position."

Under the tariff changes in this year's budget, these drugs were taken off the free list and made subject to a 20 per cent duty. Recently, however, the Government brought in a Tariff Act amendment moving them back to the free list.

"Although it has done the right thing in regard to these and other specifically-named drugs," says our Winnipeg contemporary, "the Government for some reason that evades ordinary understanding, has still left one of the most important groups of all, the anti-biotics, on the duty list."

"Some time ago, the Tariff Board recommended that penicillin, streptomycin, aureomycin and other anti-biotics be free from duty. But the Department of National Revenue opposed this. When the budget was brought down it deferred to the wishes of the Department, removing these substances from the free list pending a thorough investigation and considered recommendation."

"Whatever the results of this investigation—and they seem to be a closely guarded secret—the original budget announcement has been permitted to stand. Last week's amendment, while restoring the others to the free list, made penicillin and the other anti-biotics definitely dutiable.

"Drugs in this group are widely used.

Some are cheap but others, pending cheaper methods of production, are still costly. The Government should avoid any step which would increase that cost. But instead of trying to keep the cost down, the Government has added sharply to it by imposing the 20 per cent duty.

"To the many thousands of Canadians whose costs of getting well are thus increased, some explanation is surely in order."

Shut-Ins' Day

Shut-Ins' Day is promoted by an organization which is now international in its scope, and with the ten Lieut.-Governors of Canada's Provinces as patrons, but its appeal is to the individual man or woman, boy or girl, to personally visit someone who is ill or infirm and cannot go about unaided.

Those of us enjoying good health are all too prone to forget about the loneliness and depression of long continued illness or the feebleness of age. The dramatic onslaught of sickness or accident stirs us to expressions of sympathy. The victim is visited, given delicacies, flowers, books and papers and generally made to feel that those outside are interested in his or her well being.

With the passage of time, however, that active interest slackens although the need for it is the greater. It is not necessary to be able to afford books and flowers to do something about it, although both are certainly welcome. A single flower, fruit or paper brought by a cheery donor, or the visit itself, will add much to any shut-in's day.

We must remind ourselves, if we are to succeed in reminding them that they are not unwanted, but valued friends, whom we are glad to go out of our way to see and enjoy their company.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, Trinity Sunday.

The City Council held a special meeting on May 19, but failed to have it reported till yesterday.

"The little ships" are bound for Dunkirk again as in 1940 but a memorial service awaits them instead of bombed and strafed evacuating troops.

It was rather a good idea on the part of the City Council to try out the Auto Meters at the Prohibition Vendor's Store. People, mostly men, don't like to wait long there anyway.

Though rain was wanted badly, say farmers, the land is not so dry as might have been expected. Owing to the unusually long winter there was a film of frost left over the land, which helped to retain the moisture to a late date, and help the seeding.

The proposed improved summer bus service between here and Boston and Montreal will be greatly appreciated by Islanders and tourists as well. Many people delight to travel by road which gives them an opportunity to see the country-side at close quarters.

On Monday, the King's Birthday, the Royal Canadian Air Force will be presented with colours by His Excellency the Governor General. For the first time the R. C. A. F. will carry out the ceremonial trooping of the colours.

More and more organizations are buckling down to the task of re-establishing the homes damaged or destroyed by the now retreating Red River. Everyone must share in cost of devastation so extensive. Failure of anyone to do so throws an added burden on his neighbor.

Lt. Col. Frank Storey is to be congratulated on his election as President of the City Board of Trade. He is one of the active young business men making reputations as executives in our midst. His immediate predecessor, Mr. Frank Curtis, has a fine record of things accomplished, being ever ready and willing to lend assistance in accomplishing progressive measures.

Dr. William Harvey, English physician, died this date 1657; discoverer of the circulation of the blood. He proved by careful reasoning and demonstration that the contractions of the cardiac ventricles propel through the pulmonary and systemic arteries the same blood which the pulmonary and systemic veins return to the cardiac auricles.

The King's Birthday is officially and popularly celebrated Monday. Throughout the British Commonwealth of Nations the guns will fire a royal salute, but it is in the hearts of his people everywhere, to whom the King is the living embodiment of our protection against injustice and petty tyranny, that the day will be truly honored.

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.

MANY CHANGES NOTED

Sir—I left P. E. I. 62 years ago and went back two years ago for a two week's vacation. I sure did find very many changes. The older people I used to know had about all passed on. There was just one left; also so many boys and girls of my own age had passed on, or gone away from the Island. Those I did meet, I did not know, and they did not know me. I sure am glad that the Guardian comes regularly and see names of people whose parents and grand parents I once knew. I was born in a house in Marshfield that stood where Sandy's Restaurant now is, and I ate dinner there on my visit.

AGRICULTURE, THE HEART-BEAT

Sir.—A brief item on your editorial page points out that "Nearly 75 per cent of the food sold in Canada today, by value, is manufactured, canned or processed." The above deserves the attention of the Canadian people as a whole, but especially those of us who (as the saying goes) live on the pavements? I have found that the average man — and, of course, the average woman — has only a very vague idea concerning his relationship to the good earth "beyond the city's lights." Indeed, I often get the impression that Canadians at the urban "executive level" suffer more or less from what, for want of a better term, I would describe as "urban astigmatism" as they look at this great mother of industry, that is Agriculture?

Just to document my present thought, I would quote from a brace of ads in a feature "Trade Edition" of your Toronto contemporary, Financial Post: (a) "Toronto extends greetings and salutation to all exhibitors and visitors to the Third Canadian International Trade Fair May 29-June 9. Toronto is the 'heartbeat' of Canada's National Economy" and (b) "Ontario... The hub of the Nation's Prosperity."

Now, Sir, there may be a fact base under the latter assertion by the Queen's Park authorities; but, definitely, the former statement over the signature of Toronto's dynamic Mayor takes in too much territory? My understanding of the word "heartbeat" — in either physical or corporate life — would be simply something without which the nation or the individual would die? From my groundline viewpoint, valued and important as Toronto is as a social and economic community, it is far removed from any such vital function as the nation's "heartbeat."

My understanding is that we are all inter-related; but if I had to make a choice of the "heartbeat" in this nation's economy, frankly, I would choose Agriculture — without whose basic services, the glory of the big city would wither, fast!

I am, Sir, etc., "YORK COUNTY (Ont.)"

SEEKING LIQUOR OUTLETS

Sir.—I am not surprised to learn that the liquor traffic is seeking more outlets. The day may come, on P. E. Island, when every large village will have a liquor store. After a further period of education and a vote is taken a store may be voted in, i.e., if the present law is so adjusted.

We were assured before the last plebiscite that the traffic would be kept within bounds, but we might as well expect the leopard that got loose from the zoo in Oklahoma some months ago, would keep within bounds. You see, Sir, it is not the Government that is behind this business, but the big barons of booze, the mightiest financial institution in America whose tentacles reach far beyond the traffic into many other industries, in order, of course, to secure their main business against any possible uprising of foolish temperance people. Our governments are mere tools of the liquor traffic, willing tools, in some cases. We must exercise understanding and sympathy for our governments for they are carrying out the commands of higher powers. They can plead irresponsibility just as many German officers did during the last war purge.

My land! those booze barons are shrewd and far seeing people! How they can turn evil to their advantage is quite marvellous. Look at what they do! They must know better than most people how disreputable their business is — the cause of so much indecency, the root of so much crime and so many tragedies and yet they are able to put a smiling face on their traffic and make people believe, especially young people, that to drink their product is a fine social habit. But the acme of their skill is seen in the way they have been able to interest ministers of the Gospel in their business. They know that there are yet here in Canada too many important people who neither drink nor like to see others drink; and the booze barons feel they must try to Christianize their business. This, of course, is why they have gone after the ministers of religion. Here in this Province, I understand, ministers have been employed to help frame the amendments that loosened up the restrictions of Prohibition; and in the plebiscite campaigns, ministers of the gospel were employed, some, of course, as unconscious tools to fan in an air of sanctified respectability over the whole business. This same policy has been followed in other Provinces.

When Smoke Gets In One's Eyes



Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

LEGISLATIVE TOPICS

Petitions received by the Legislative Council during the session of 1950 included the following: From divers inhabitants of Casumpec, Kildare and adjacent settlements in Prince County, for the granting of a sum towards the establishment of a sailing packet, for the convenience of goods and passengers between the harbour of Casumpec, and the Meramichi River, N.B.

From Raymond Campbell, of East Point, setting forth the loss of a registered money letter, which he deposited in the Way Office at East Point in the year 1857, to be transmitted to India — and praying relief.

From Marinus Blanchard, of Rustico, and Lawrence Doucette, Rustico Cross Roads, licensed teachers, for reimbursement to the amount of \$10 each, which had been deducted from their allowances in consequence of the boundaries of their school districts not being defined and described as the law directs.

From divers mechanics and farmers of Township No. 52, for the granting of a sum in aid of individual subscription towards the formation of a library, to consist of a few standard works in history, mechanics and agriculture, the petitioners having established a Society for Mutual Improvement.

From the mechanics, shipwrights, labourers and others, employed in the various shipyards of Prince Edward Island, "for a legislative enactment whereby, when their wages shall not have been duly paid, they may have a lien upon the vessel upon which they have been employed, for the several amounts due to them for their labour, and that such vessel shall be detained until they shall have been fairly settled with, by their employer or employers."

From divers inhabitants of Kildare Settlements, praying "that the Light establishments in this Island be rendered more efficient, and particularly that the House will sanction the construction of Light Houses on the North Cape and East Point."

From inhabitants of Township No. 13, setting forth that "the Small Debt Courts, as at present constituted, are in many ways defective, and susceptible of great improvement; that the power of taking Bail, in cases of Capias, should be vested in the Bailiff serving the process, and praying for such an amendment of the Law as will obviate the evils complained of, and secure the impartial administration of justice."

From divers inhabitants of Montague River and adjacent settlements, setting forth "the inconvenience under which petitioners labour, owing to the want of a public wharf for the shipment of produce."

Truly "the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." When will good people wake up to the evils and the unbrotherliness of this traffic and refuse to be used as tools of this financial institution that cares nothing for people or country but only for profit.

I am, Sir, etc., W. I. GREEN Stanley Bridge.

The Age-Old Story

For God giveth to a man that is good in His sight wisdom and knowledge.

duce at this the most extensive shipping place in King's County." From the Mechanics' Institute of New London, for a grant to enable the petitioners to erect a suitable building at or near Graham's Cross, in which to transact business.

From divers inhabitants of the northwestern districts of the Island, for a grant to secure the extension of the existing telegraph lines to Casumpec, by way of Summerside and Port Hill.

From William C. Bourke, for an appropriation sufficient to enable him to continue to run a Steamboat up and down the Hillsborough, for the accommodation of passengers, as heretofore.

From Thomas Mc Nutt and others, members of the Princeton Board of Health, for the granting of a suitable piece of ground near the harbour of Princetown, as a site for a Hospital.

From the Royal Agricultural Society, for "such an appropriation as will enable the petitioners to import a thorough-bred Blood Horse, to improve the breed of that description of stock in this Colony."

See the Maritime Life Mar TODAY! T. W. Bentley, C.L.U., Mgr. P.E.I. Branch, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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Notes By The Way

A woman in Chicago has caused a man to be arrested because he kissed her and ran. If she really looks like that no amount of litigation will do anything for it. — Peterborough Examiner.

We are told that today's dollar has low purchasing power compared with the dollar of other years. The average person, however, seems even more eager to spend it. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

Radio is to be used experimentally to control traffic flow in London streets. Four equipments will be used at first, the object being to maintain the traffic flow at the highest speed which its volume will allow. — UK Information Office.

We have not yet learned in this country that no law, however well-meaning, is of any use unless it can be enforced. The anti-gambling laws cannot be enforced and therefore tend to bring the whole legal system into disrepute. This is too high a price to pay; legal gambling properly regulated under strict safeguards, would be far better. — Calgary Herald.

Dancing until dawn may be romantic, but when it means two hours' sleep before a heavy day, it loses some of its glamor. Everyone, regardless of age, needs an adequate amount of sleep to stay healthy. Most of us need an average of eight hours a day. It's wise to time late-night parties for the week-end when the following day's activities may not be so pressing. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

What is the masculine world coming to? We hear from the British Color Council that it has ordained new Summer suitings for men. And they can strut and sally in suits of Riviera Mist, Haze Blue, pinkish Polo Beige, Jungle Wine, Serpent Green, and Classic Purple. Or if none of these pleases the choosy masculine taste, what about a nice suit of Regency Cream, Hermes Blue, Isis Green or Vacation Pink. And just to think, the zoot-suiters have been giving us, on this side, a pain in the neck. — St. Catherine's Standard.

Outboard motors are good and essential in many of their uses; but their makers and sellers might well consider a public relations campaign designed to help some users mend their manners. The old timers who fish from rowboats or canoes dislike being swamped and bounced about. Parents don't like having children bowled over by sudden two-foot waves in quiet bays. And the half-asleep man in the cottage hammock is tired of swatting at the annoying high-pitched humming of imaginary

bumble bees. — Toronto Financial Post. Cuzco was the golden capital of the Incas, whose domain embraced a vast section of what is now South America. Historians say that 100,000 families lived in the 11,000-foot high metropolis at its hey-day. Then the Spanish conquerers came, bringing white civilization and ruin. From the fabulous Temple of the Sun, with its gold-lined walls, Francisco Pizarro and his men carried off millions in precious metal. But enough remains of the massive, ingeniously fitted masonry to awe even brave visitors from the land of the Empire State building and the Hoover Dam. — New York Herald-Tribune.

The Poet's Corner

A DAY IN SUMMER Come to this world and let that old world go, word go, The apple bloom is dewy from the rain. The robin's voice is piping in the lane. The heaven is blue and all the world aglow; Let that world go with all its mad, dazed throes, Its aged heart and all its carking pain. Its falcons and its fevered, mocking train, Love, let us stand, and I will hold you so.

Let that world go, it never held us sweet, Its grim ways. The years seem new begun While we stand here the blossoming vines among; A shining wind is in the willow wheat; The river, one wide splendour is the sun; And life is glad, and heaven and earth are young. — Wilfred Campbell

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