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Farmers in Session

With some seventy-seven resolutions on their agenda to be disposed of, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture delegates can hardly be said to be holidaying in our Garden of Eden at this time. But we trust that some of the spirit of the holiday mood which our centennial year celebrations are intended to evoke will brush off on them, implanting a wish to revisit us later, when the celebrations get in full swing and the season will be more favorable.

As Premier Shaw remarked at the opening ceremonies yesterday, the Dairywomen and the CFA are the vanguard of 110 conventions, national and otherwise, slated to be held here this year. These represent a wide variety of interests, but they can all be said to be dependent, more or less, on the culture of the soil, without which the pickings in any of the other professions would be pretty slim, and the arts nonexistent.

We understand this very well in Prince Edward Island, where agriculture is still our basic industry, and chief source of revenue and employment. Farmers are well represented in our Legislature, and we doubt if anywhere in Canada is there a more vigilant eye kept upon their interests than here.

This is a way of life that appears to be threatened nowadays, with pressure from the big industrial centres tending to depopulate our farm areas and drawing more and more of our people into other activities. Organizations like the Federation of Agriculture have been actively combatting the notion that this trend is inevitable, and are to be commended on their efforts in fighting for improvement in farm legislation and in putting the industry generally in a better position to grapple with its problems and take advantage of its opportunities.

We wish the Federation every success in its deliberations on this occasion. They could be as important, in their way, as those in which our Founding Fathers engaged in their conference here a century ago, and which led to such far-reaching results.

A New Dispensation

The shortage of nurses is a problem prevalent throughout Canada and the United States. Now a health economist says that the hospital of the future will see automation come in to do nearly all the chores; and cheerful nurses, relieved of drudgery by electronic slaves, will be given more time for their patients. Perhaps, too, it will induce more trainees to enter the profession.

About five years ago, Dr. Mark S. Blumber, senior health economist of the Stanford Research Institute, began his research into hospital automation. He now believes that within another five years plans for the automation of hospitals will be completed.

He envisages a change under which each patient will have a small, but private room. His bed, which may not resemble a bed at all, will supply an individual climate, he way an incubator does for a premature baby. Electronic devices will monitor his condition when needed, and the sleeping pill will be replaced by a weak electric current flowing through the patient's head at bedtime.

The automated hospital of the future, as Dr. Blumber sees it, will house almost all the patients un-

der the doctor's care, further reducing home visits. The patients will also be grouped in the hospital by the type of illness, rather than degree, to receive specialized nursing care. Many of the devices that will be used to automate the hospital of the future are at present available, and the others are on the drawing board.

The Right Objective

The federal-provincial conference on fisheries development, now in session at Ottawa, could set its sights on nothing more important than on making Canada's fishing industry—in P.E.I. Fisheries Minister Rossiter's words quoted in yesterday's Guardian—"competitive on the high seas." The deep-sea fishery is one area where Canada seems to be losing ground, and Mr. Rossiter expressed hope that out of the conference would come some encouragement and guidance in coping successfully with this problem.

In emphasizing the stake we have in the deep-sea fishery in this Province, Mr. Rossiter discussed the dangers inherent in too much reliance on lobster fishing, which at present provides about 63 per cent of the total earnings of our whole inshore fishery. We need not recapitulate here, but they point up the need for concentrating more on the exploitation of other sea resources such as the ground fish or pelagic fish, in quantities sufficient for modern processing requirements.

Expansion along this line will involve the development of larger, more powerful and more expensively equipped off-shore boats. Some difficulty may be experienced in finding and in training men to enter these occupations, but the effort will be well worth while.

The conference has now moved behind closed doors to begin seeking agreement on a draft national policy. Premier Smallwood's views appeared to be quite in accord with Mr. Rossiter's when he urged, in this connection, that emphasis be placed on framing "a forward policy destined to modernize the industry, raise the incomes of fishermen and promote wider markets"—not on a system of "welfare payments and handout programs" which at best is a poor substitute for a policy of any kind.

Improvement Noted

The latest joint report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Department of Labor shows 68,000 fewer persons without jobs last mid-year than was the case a year earlier. Total unemployment in Canada last December numbered 346,000 as against 413,000 at the same time in 1962.

An especially gratifying feature in the nationwide picture was the improved situation in the Atlantic provinces. In this region, at the end of December, the total number of persons registered for employment had dropped to the lowest figure of the past five years.

In fact the Atlantic region at the middle of last month registered a larger drop in numbers of jobless persons, as compared with the like period of 1962, than any other region in the nation. Its total of unemployed persons had dropped to 50,000 from 70,000, or to 8.5 per cent from 11.6 per cent of the area labor force. But, nevertheless, it remained the part of Canada with the highest percentage of jobless, 8.5 as against the national average of 5-1 per cent.

EDITORIAL NOTE

One of the most sought after tools in the world's electronics industry is one that cannot be seen. It is also used by research organizations in this wire, which is 50 times finer than human hair, made by a firm in Old London. Technically it measures 50 microns, and a micron is 1/25th part of one-thousandth part of an inch.



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DEVELOPING AQABA

Jordan's Sea Gateway To The World National Geographic Society

Aqaba, desert port on the Gulf of Aqaba, is fast becoming the Acapulco of Jordan. The Middle East Kingdom's only outlet to the sea boasts a modern, air conditioned resort hotel, long stretches of white beach, and facilities for water skiing, skin diving, and fishing. Sir John Macdonald, a member of National Geographic and a longtime underwater photographer, writer and explorer, holds that Aqaba has the finest underwater scenery in the world within reach of a comfort a/b

Not In The Forecast

St. Louis Press Despatch

The Kennedy Records

Chatham Daily News

The Unseen Tides

New York Times

Climateologists Probe Weather

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

Mark Twain said every man talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it. He would have to lose those words if he were alive today. Meteorologists and other scientists have been researching the subject for years.

The machine is on big as a room and two persons can live in it for several weeks. The temperature and humidity, air flow, barometric pressure, and air ionization are under computer control and can be changed without the knowledge of the occupants.

On a hot day there is no ideal geographic area for all activities. If there were, "it would be above the clouds and below the rain."

The elderly and firm do better in equable regions where about shifts seldom occur. In fact, fluenza takes its greatest toll in the tropics.

HATEFUL OLDEST

A. S. writes: What would cause one loving elderly person to be so hateful to his family?

A psychosis is the best possibility. This condition may be of emotional origin or due to senility.

KNEE INJURIES

J. W. writes: How is a broken knee treated?

A fractured kneecap may be removed, or the joint may be fused together with wire. If the knee joint is involved, casts or braces will be placed in the leg.

Our Yesterdays

(From the Guardian Files)

Twenty-five years ago January 22, 1939

A wealth of talent discovered among the 200 students attending the Youth Training Course provided a long and varied entertainment at the Students' Social Evening at Prince of Wales College Hall last night.

TEN YEARS AGO

January 22, 1954

NOTES BY THE WAY

Some parents who complain they can't understand the "new" mathematics their children are being taught now, couldn't understand the old mathematics.

Mr. Pearson At Washington

By Ken Kelly Canadian Press Staff Writer

Lester B. Pearson, whose diplomatic achievements brought him the 1957 Nobel Peace Prize, is launched on his first rewarding but personally-risky role as go-between and peacemaker between President de Gaulle and President Johnson.

The rewards will come if he is able in talks with Mr. Johnson to give Mr. Johnson a run-down on Gen. de Gaulle's decision to accord diplomatic recognition to Communist China, a step bitterly opposed by the Americans.

Gen. de Gaulle encouraged him to do so because the French president is convinced that Pearson's approach to foreign policy follows the rigid line dictated by Canada's closeness to the United States.

France was aware the U.S. might object to his decision on

STAR WEEKLY this week

FEMININE MYSTIQUE

Why are North American housewives and mothers increasingly discontented and frustrated? In our star featured book this week, the highlights of a \$7.50 runaway best seller, "The Feminine Mystique," that dares to question woman's role as wife and mother.

WAR OR PEACE?

Six men who have won the Nobel Peace Prize discuss the path to peace. From their wisdom could come the fresh start the world needs to end nuclear peril.

BURGLARY IS EASY

A former housebreaker tells how easy it is to break into a modern dwelling, and some of the preventive measures you can take to discourage it.

R.C.A.F. OVERSEAS

What is it like to live on a R.C.A.F. base in Germany? A roving camera takes you behind the scenes and reports on its daily life.

CHICAGO'S HANDSOME HULL

A picture story on the most exciting player in the N.H.L., fast-skating, rugged Bobby Hull, all-star winger and leading scorer of the Chicago Black Hawks.

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