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Important Trade Meeting

It is expected that the Hon. T. C. Douglas, Premier of Saskatchewan, will arrive here today to participate in the 8th annual meeting of the Provincial Governments' Trade and Industry Council, which opens on Tuesday and will continue for three days.

The wide representation at this gathering, as well as the importance of the positions occupied by many of those who will be in attendance, makes it of national interest and focuses attention, as well, on the possibilities of this Province, and of the Maritimes generally, in developing industrially to a much greater extent than heretofore.

Traffic Safety Campaign

The presentation of traffic safety pennants to grades 1-6 in the City schools marks the beginning today of a campaign to enlist the active interest of children in traffic safety rules. Sponsored by the Charlotte-town Junior Board of Trade in cooperation with the City School Board, the school teachers, Police and Fire Departments and several city merchants, the campaign features "Elmer the Safety Elephant" and his five basic safety rules, whose adoption in other Canadian towns and cities has been most successful in enlisting juvenile interest in the drive.

Any scheme that can cut down the number of traffic accidents, especially among children, is to be commended; and in this case the children themselves will be enthusiastic participants. Every teacher and parent can help in keeping the interest alive in this kind of game, which may pay priceless dividends to all concerned.

Nasser's "Free Navigation"

A good many people who feel that the British and French governments are being a little too severe on President Nasser in the Suez Canal dispute are asking: "If the Egyptians are ready and willing to guarantee free and unhampered navigation in the waterway, why shouldn't the Western powers be content with that and give up their demand for outright international control?"

Unfortunately, that is an oversimplification of the problem, as is evidenced by Egypt's highhanded interference with Israeli shipping for some time before the present dispute developed. The fact is that not since British forces were withdrawn from the Suez has the canal been open to Israeli traffic.

country for several years. This denial, of course, was an economic weapon, against a neighbouring country considered by Egypt to be unfriendly. Incidentally, the Israelis are justified in complaining that this piracy was practically ignored by the Western powers until they, too, were in danger of coming under its power.

The important question now is: "What confidence can be placed in Egypt's promises, in view of Israel's experience with Nasser's version of free navigation?" The British and France answer is: "none at all." And it would appear to be as realistic an answer as could be given.

Equine Encephalitis

A report from the United States' Public Health Service tells of a virulent type of equine encephalitis, a form of sleeping sickness that afflicts horses, humans and pheasants, that has been noted this summer in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware.

There is a vaccine that is effective against the disease in horses. Apparently, the amount available at the time of the epidemic began was not great; for, according to an official of the health service, it was all used up early in the season.

As far as we know, there has been no report of the disease in this region. No doubt, health and agricultural officials are on the watch for it and have made provision for a supply of vaccine in the event of its appearance another year.

EDITORIAL NOTES

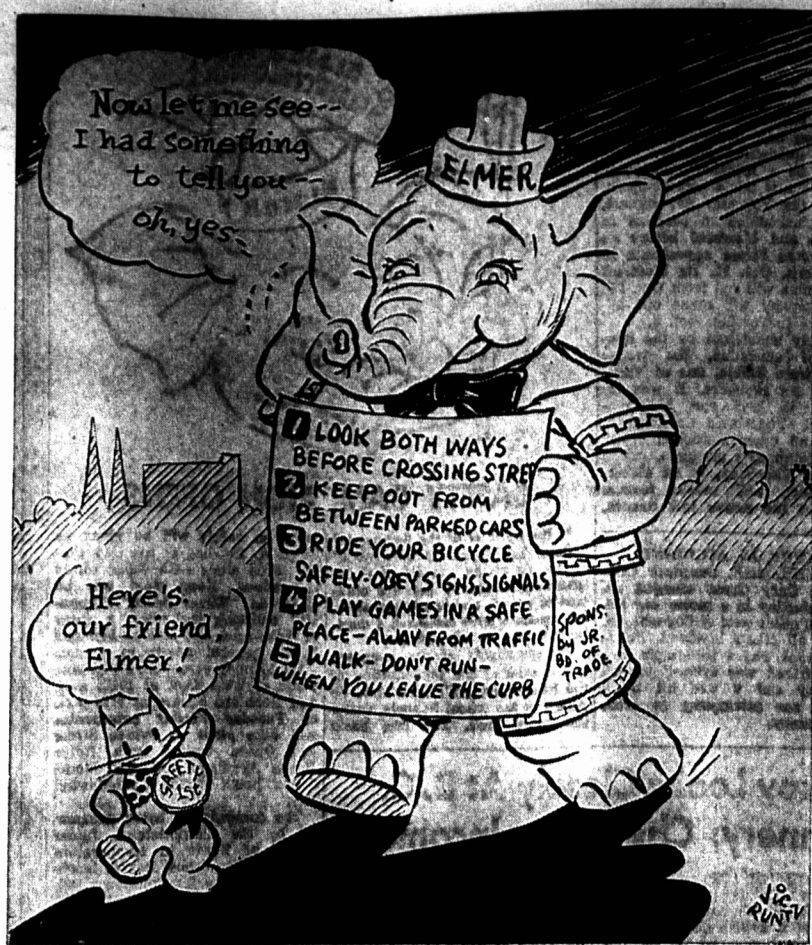
How far do seabirds fly? Well, a tern found on a beach near Perth, Australia, had flown 12,000 miles. It had been tagged six months previously in Sweden.

Farming is evidently not the safest occupation in the world. A report of the United States National Safety Council says that accidents are killing, on the average, about 40 farm residents every day and injuring one every half-minute.

An American Jewish leader gives the following prerequisites for successful leadership in American Jewish society: "practice and experience in dealing honestly with ideas and people; taking the trouble to become well informed on public issues; healthy scepticism towards panaceas and easy solutions to complex problems; a sense of conviction and dedication to worthwhile service."

Despite a marked decline in agricultural prices, farm assets in the United States rose to a record level in 1955, according to a report just issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. All together these assets amount to more than \$170 billion, a 2% increase over 1954.

According to the Canadian Pulp and Paper Corporation, woodpulp production in this country is increasing in volume. July's production amounted to 848,588 tons, an increase of more than 50,000 tons over the same month last year.



WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

FOR FREE SCHOOL BOOKS

Sir,—Now that the children are back to school these are some who would say, "Thank God for small mercies. There are others who will miss having their children around the house all day. One thing I feel we all agree on is the ever increasing cost of sending them to school each year."

In the past few days practically every family on the island has felt an added financial burden. I am referring to the cost of school books. I personally have just paid \$15.00 for books for my two boys.

This is more money than I can reasonably afford. However there are a great many families who will feel the burden more than I.

A great many parents are trying to raise families on \$30.00 a week and less. After food, rent, fuel and clothing have been bought there is nothing left for school books. And what about the parents who are unemployed? They too are entitled to send their children to school.

I should think the increased costs of school books is due partly to increased labour costs, but mainly to the greater number of books required these days.

Children are brought into the world against their own will, and because of this they are automatically entitled to certain things: namely, food, shelter and clothing. This is the parents' immediate responsibility. With wages as they are on the island, this is all a great many parents can afford for their children.

The Provincial School Act states that children between certain age limits must go to school. It makes no mention of where the money for this will come from.

I realize that parents today receive a family allowance each month. However, as I recollect when this first came about, it was never argued that the allowance was necessary to subsidize a child's schooling. Rather, it was found necessary to subsidize a parent's efforts to feed and clothe his children.

There isn't any Liberal or Conservative Government which does not practice a limited form of Socialism. The most prominent form of Socialism is our free school system. Schools built by the Government by taxing the people, so that all children will be given an equal break.

The other provinces of Canada go even further than this. They provide all children with free school books up to and including grade 8. This gives each child the minimum education necessary to make his way in the world, and without placing any added burden on the parents.

The Secretary of the Charlottetown School Board informs me that not more than \$25.00 has been spent for free books in the past 5 years.

The Minister of Education has stated, "The number of children applying for free books under the provision has been negligible throughout the province as a whole."

I hardly think this is due to lack of interest in free school books. Rather, parents would hesitate to have their children stigmatized. A means test would be necessary. People generally find that sort of thing repugnant. The means test went out of date when the Old Age Pensions were made free to all.

At present the Provincial Government is contributing \$40.000 annually towards the cost of school books. This still leaves a heavy burden on the parents and it is unfair to have some children leave school at an early age because

Displaced Persons

By Lewis Milligan

The population of Toronto has been greatly increased in the last five years, largely by displaced persons from Eastern Europe. At lunch recently I noticed that the young waitress spoke with a foreign accent, and I asked her where she came from. She said she was born in Latvia, but had lived for six years with her parents in Germany after the close of the war.

When Britian went into India more than a hundred years ago the entire country was in a state of chaos, periodically invaded from without and disrupted within by civil and religious strife. Britain not only protected the country from invaders, but also set up a system of law and order, abolished inhuman religious practices and established schools and hospitals through the missionary societies.

It is true that both Gandhi and Nehru were imprisoned for creating disturbances, but they were not ill used, sent to labor camps or liquidated as they would have been under Russian imperialism. Gandhi was permitted to carry on his propaganda from his confinement, and Nehru in his so-called imprisonment had leisure and freedom to write a fine autobiography, which was published in Britain. It is little wonder that the Prime Minister was reported "disturbed by the political statements made by both his Soviet guests," and by the popular reception they received during their tour.

How this could be brought about is clear. However it would appear that the Island economy is such that they would have to rob Peter to pay Paul, or tax the people who have it. In any case our legislature must have known where the money was coming from when they voted the Government's business. Perhaps they can pull another rabbit out of the hat.

The chief asset in this province is not potatoes. It is our children. The children are everybody's dividend, and unless the Government are prepared to give them an equal break as enjoyed in other provinces, this Island will become measurably poorer.

I am Sir, etc. F. G. PAXTON. Charlottetown.

PROPOSED NEW INDUSTRY

Sir,—It is generally agreed that a new industry is always welcome and beneficial to a City and Province. Although the author does not profess to be an expert on economics, some of the facts are quite obvious.

The remodeling of a building and the erection of new ones is always an asset to a city. These improvements add to the general appearance of the city, and also increase the gold in coffers that have been strained by ever increasing demands for general expenses and modern improvements.

The abattoir and meat packing plant will require considerable staff to operate the plant. This staff will be made up from people residing in, or around the city, thus helping relieve the unemployment situation. The Province will benefit in a like manner, but more so through our Department of Agriculture, which is ever willing to assist in any enterprise which will benefit the farmer and improve the standard of his products.

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I am Sir, etc. WILLARD PROWSE. Charlottetown.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sanderson, M. D.

TELL YOUR DOCTOR ALL

Don't be modest when talking to your physician. You pay him to find out what's wrong with you. The least you can do for your own sake and his, is to give him every bit of information about your symptoms to help him diagnose your case.

Hematuria, for example, is a positive symptom that some abnormality exists in the urinary tract. Hematuria is the discharge of blood in the urine.

Unfortunately, many persons let false modesty keep them from informing their doctor about such a condition. While hematuria may or may not be serious, it never pays to take a chance.

As soon as you notice blood in the urine, consult your doctor. And don't think that because it occurs only once and then stops, that it is nothing to worry about.

Sometimes, the bleeding is so extensive that the clots form; some of the urine will be uniformly red or pinkish. In other cases, the pletion of urination.

Pain does not necessarily accompany hematuria. When it does, stones in the urinary tract might be responsible. This is especially true if the pain is severe and causing varying degrees of pain and bleeding by irritating the delicate lining as they pass down the ureter.

Infections of the urinary tract also occasionally cause bleeding. When there is bleeding without pain, it might mean some type of tumor in the urinary tract is responsible. Such a tumor might be benign or it might be malignant.

Since hematuria is not always a persistent symptom, a patient may not be giving a malignant growth a chance to spread by ignoring the original warning.

So be safe. Tell your physician the minute you notice anything abnormal. Tell him everything. QUESTION AND ANSWER

R.V.: Our month-old baby has a cloudy tear from the eye. The eye is not inflamed. What causes this? Answer: It would seem your child has some difficulty with the tear duct. It would be well for you to consult your physician.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

REYNOLDS (September 10, 1931)

Roy Smallman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Josephus Smallman, Summerside, has passed the examinations for registered druggist and has taken a position with Reddin Bros. Charlottetown.

Mrs. MacArthur, wife of Senator Creelman MacArthur, and her two daughters arrived home yesterday from an extended trip to the British Isles.

The open season for duck shooting commenced September 1 and many local Tryon sportsmen and others not local spent the day looking for game. Some reported good results, others fair and still others no luck.

TEN YEARS AGO (September 10, 1946)

Mr. Allison left yesterday morning for Halifax, N.S., where he will enter Dalhousie University to study law.

Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Donahoe and Mrs. Florrie Donahoe paid a brief visit with Mrs. J.P. Nicholson and other relatives at Georgetown last week. Dr. Donahoe is resuming practice in Verdun, P.Q. after returning from overseas where he served with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps.

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Diets Can Be Sensible

There are possibly as many diets as there are people who want to reduce weight. In this week's Star Weekly, Angela Burke tells about a diet clinic conceived by the University of Toronto in conjunction with the Women's College hospital, which has proved to be an unqualified success.

And it's a diet which offers — demands — three meals a day.

Read the feature entitled "A Clinic That Proves Diets Can Be Sensible."

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The same leaves over and over again! They fall from given shades above To make one texture of faded brown And fit the earth like a leather glove.

Before the leaves can mount again To fill the trees with another shade, They must go down into the dark coming up. They must go down into the dark decayed.

They must be pierced by flowers and put Beneath the feet of dancing flowers. However it is some other world I know that this is the way in ours. —Robert Frost.

The Age Old Story

I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Old Dobbin had his faults, but seldom did someone repossess him because the purchaser fell down on the purchase. — Calgary Albertan

Indiana license plates carry a slogan which says simply "Drive Safely". Can you think of a better thing to put on the license? It is probably better than the ones which brag about how important each state is in some product or other. —Wisconsin Agriculturist

While dogs did not have anything to do about it, they are lucky compared with human beings in regard to teeth. They have no dentist appointments and they have no toothaches. A dog's teeth are unlike a human's. They do not have pulp and nerves and, therefore, are not susceptible to cavities. If a dog breaks a tooth, it does not decay but wears smooth. —Kitchener Waterloo Record

Quite often a motorist driving along a town street is confronted suddenly with a bouncing ball, crossing his line of advance from between two parked cars. Beware that bouncing ball: apply brakes immediately. All too often there is a child behind that ball just about to rush unheeding right out into the street after it. —Brockville Recorder

Having jumped 400 feet into a volcano crater and lived to tell the tale, a Japanese couple has decided to get married instead of committing suicide. From the volcano into the trying pan. —St. Catherine's Standard

Education cannot be postponed to some future and more convenient time. Learning, on all levels must be made available to the nation's youth from five years of age onward, and the necessary expenditure has priority over all other government costs except for the maintenance of law and order. —Farmer's Advocate

In future it will not be necessary to bend down when picking strawberries; on the contrary a step-ladder will have to be used to reach the uppermost fruits. The sounds like a joke but it is actually something that can be seen in grounds of a Holstein gardener who, in the course of many years, has cultivated an "espallier strawberry". Like the climbing bean the new plant will reach a height of more than six feet. —West German Bulletin

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