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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest link."

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Federation County Meetings

The county meetings of the Federation of Agriculture this week are of critical importance in determining the future of farm organization in the Province.

It is important that there should be full and clear expression of farmers' opinion and that the opinion so expressed should be reflected in the choice of directors.

The meetings will have the advantage of access to the latest expert opinions on the state of farming in Canada because they follow closely upon the Federal-Provincial agricultural conference at Ottawa at which papers are presented on many aspects of farming, particularly in its economic aspects.

The Federation has no lack of actual and potential leadership. The wise policy of conducting leadership courses year by year assures a considerable choice of representatives capable of interpreting opinion and getting necessary business done with dispatch.

Royal Fair Exhibits

A greater measure of government support to Island livestock exhibitors at the Royal Winter Fair is suggested by Mr. W. R. Shaw, former Deputy Minister of Agriculture, in an interview appearing in today's issue.

Certainly the advertisement value of achieving top honors at the Royal is a matter of Province-wide importance. Our Island exhibitors, despite the long and costly transportation handicap, have done surprisingly well in recent years in cattle, hog, poultry and potato showings.

Cheerful Economists

A cheerful blueprint has been drawn by the experts who serve the American Congressional Committee on the Economic Report and who have been at work on their figures while the Congress has been otherwise occupied on the hustings.

This decade, the report says, should produce in the United States a population growth of about one-fifth — from the present total of 160 millions to 190 millions. The labor force will grow from some 62 millions to 79 millions, of whom only 3 millions will be temporarily unemployed.

The Canadian Parliament, notes an exchange, has attempted no similar study here, but parallel figures have been calculated unofficially.

But even if it is only equal to that predicted for the United States, the following changes may, according to some figures published in the Financial Post, be expected:

The Canadian population should rise by some 3.5 millions in the next decade. Industrial employment should increase by some 17 per cent and the recent fall in agricultural employment, due to farm mechanization, should flatten out.

Since there will be more producers and improved productive methods, the gross national product should rise from its present level of about \$24 billions to \$36 billions, an increase of 50 per cent. Consumer spending will rise by some 60 per cent if it keeps parallel to the expected American rate.

Economists are the first to emphasize that all such figures are illustrations of what could happen, not predictions of what must happen. But, at least, the known and measurable facts do show the possibilities of the North American economy.

Rice And Vitamins

Feeding the world, and particularly 800 million people in Asia, can be made a simpler problem by vitamin enriched rice, Dr. Robert R. Williams has told the National Academy of Sciences.

These 800 million must depend on rice for 80 to 90 per cent of their food. Overcrowding of the land prevents diversification of diet. Yet rice has nutritional shortcomings in part by the polishing process, which removes vitamin B1 and others.

For 35 cents a person a year, Dr. Williams believes, rice could be so enriched with vitamins that it would improve the physical and mental health of most of Asia. He also advocates changes in milling methods and preparation of the food.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Playing "hookey" is an expensive pastime in an immediate sense today as well as in a long term sense. Some 11,800 family allowance cheques were docked during 1953 because of non-attendance at school.

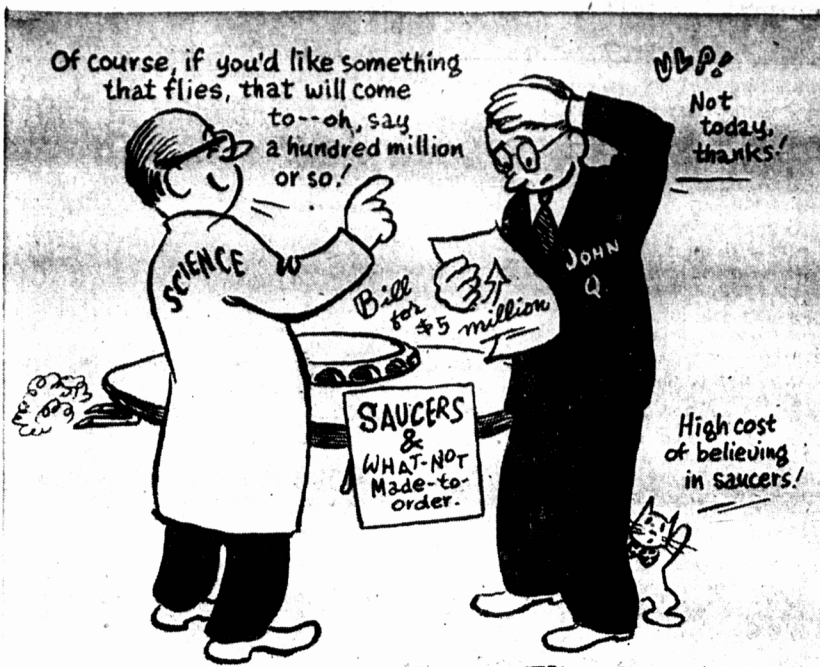
Labour Minister Charles Daley of Ontario objects to the term "New Canadian" as applied to immigrants and thinks that they should be termed simply Canadians.

The Admiralty must frequently feel that they are operating a three-ring circus but now they have literally taken one to sea. A circus in trouble and stranded at Malta was carried to Sicily by R. N. LCT's when no other means of transport was available.

This has been Canada's biggest house-building year to date, according to Works Minister Winters. Between 110,000 and 115,000 dwellings were commenced and between 104,000 and 108,000 completed.

Three Japanese midget submarines passed through the open net at the entrance of Pearl Harbour this date 1941. Some 200 planes in a series of small waves took off from several carriers and methodically destroyed predetermined objectives.

U. N. President Van Kliefens has pleaded with educators to pay more attention to international law. Law, he declares, "is a strong shield, giving those who possess it better morale, a consideration undoubtedly of special importance to the armed forces."



Canada Spent Up To Five Million On Saucer Project

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian drawing board but it never left the government has a security ground.

Upper Stratosphere Language

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.

POTATO LOADING OPERATIONS

Sir,—In reference to a news item appearing in The Guardian of December 2, regarding the loading of a steamer with 70,025 bags of potatoes, it is alleged that this ship took on approximately 2765 bags more than could have been loaded in Charlottetown due to superior stevedoring.

We wish to point out that this is incorrect. As a matter of fact the steamer in question was ordered to sea before loading operations were completed due to weather conditions and being forced on to double rates, and another ship being ready to begin operations as soon as weather permitted.

A new dental drill, driven by sound waves, eliminates heat, pressure and vibration. And what does it do for that very special pain, which suggests that the dentist has broken through into your Immortal Soul and is scooping it out with a live electric wire? —Peterborough Examiner.

A Russian newspaper calls Churchill "two-faced and treacherous." That will not worry Sir Winston. He would have been concerned only if Pravda had praised him to the skies! And that after all was mild. Listen to one Adolf Hitler in 1942: "Between Churchill and Croppis, I have no hesitation in choosing. I prefer a hundred times the undisciplined swine who is drunk eight hours of every 24 to the Puritan." —Ottawa Journal.

The search for security is no modern phenomenon, though it now is given emphasis in social legislation, union contracts and other arrangements. Possibly the primitive man also sought the most security in his environment would allow; as, for instance, security from wild animals or wild fellowmen. It is perhaps curious that some who think modern people pay too much attention to security, thus dulling their initiative, fail to remember another type of security long recognized. This is the security demanded for loans, mortgages, investments, etc. It is apparent in a wide variety of financial documents and deals. —Windsor Star.

and he was gratified also with the enlistment of a number of new recruits." —Royal Gazette, Nov. 9, 1941.

I am, Sir, etc. LEMUEL T. RUSH For the Executive of the Labour Protective Union 9568. Charlottetown, Dec. 6

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I. TEMPERANCE LECTURE "On Wednesday evening last, the Rev. J. Waddell delivered a very interesting and ably-written temperance lecture in the Court House, in this town. The meeting was, however, shamefully neglected, scarcely a male member of the Society being visible. But for the assistance of a single veteran in the cause who is always ready to encounter the foe, the reverend gentleman would have been deserted by his forces and left to triumph or defeat as the chances of the night might determine. He was however nobly and ably assisted by Dr. Conroy, who came in and volunteered his professional services in support of opinions which had been advanced by the lecturer relative to the acknowledged effects, even of moderate indulgence in the use of intoxicating drinks. With this the lecturer appeared chesred,

NOTES BY THE WAY

The case where two men were sentenced to two months for the theft of 115 evergreen trees will serve as a timely warning to those who make it an annual practice to go out and steal their Christmas trees. —Owen Sound Sun-Times.

That was a notable broadcast Louisiana doctors listened to the other day, when they tuned in to the amplified sounds of human brains. But in its own way, and as a forecast for the future, this development had implications more disturbing than any lie detector test. The experiment, briefly, showed that sound brains purred like a well tuned motor. But the other kind, which generally are associated with persons who haven't all their marbles, were loud and full of stutters. —Windsor Star.

This may sound familiar. Perhaps you have heard some preacher quote it. Possibly you have heard some philosopher (not to be confused with a philosopher) refer to it. Here it is: "I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow-creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." Who wrote it, or said it? Experts in the field call it the "orphan quotation" and think so much of it that they sometimes put the "O" and the "Q" in capital letters. It has been variously attributed to the Emperor Marcus Aurelius (it has an authentic sound there), Robert Louis Stevenson, Thomas Carlyle (most unlikely), Joseph Addison, and others. But between being attributed and established there seems to be a great gulf fixed. —Branford Expositor.

They are vanity, and the work of errors; in the time of their visitation they shall perish. The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: The Lord of hosts is his name.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer

COMMUNIST AND CONFUCIANISM

Prior to China's seemingly hasty conversion to Communism that country had been under the stern, and benevolent, hand of Confucianism for more than twenty centuries. There was no spot in the national life untouched or undirected by its good ethics and upright morals.

One thing that seems clear is that the pressure of Communism on China's national philosophy was not, as is the case in the West, a matter of a materialistic way of life being brought to bear on the precepts, if not the practices, of an established religion.

For all that, Confucianism is a purely materialistic system. Its scope does not go beyond the boundaries of this earth. The "other-worldly" teachings, which form such a large part of Christianity and some other historic religions, have little or no place in it.

The ordinary people were not expected to worry about such matters, nor was it fitting that they should. "Do not take liberties with or weary spiritual beings," they were admonished.

Then, again, Confucianism, like Communism, is a totalitarian system. Without too much trouble and without any undue concession on either side, one could be made to fit in with the other very nicely. Chinese society always has been based on two strong props: the peasantry, which includes about 90% of the population, and the intellectual elite which always has assumed political control as a matter of course.

The peasants never had much say in government; in fact, a tenet of Confucianism forbids any such participation. "Those who do not sit in authority," it reads, "should not busy themselves with affairs of government. That means that they should let the scholars, who usually are the politicians, do their thinking for them. This, of course, was a ready-made instrument for the new political order.

The Poet's Corner

TO AN OLD ARISTOPHANES

Three hundred years ago Whose was the scholar thumb That browned your pages so? Athens is never dumb To any laughter-lover Loosing your mottled cover Yet, Aristophanes, For me your voice is mingled With some old scholar's wheeze, Whose English doublet tingled, While his weak body shook With merriment for this book. —G. Rostrevor Hamilton

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