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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew" "The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink"

CHARLOTTETOWN, WEDNESDAY, MAR. 12, 1952 A Speech Full of Meat

The Speech from the Throne with which His Honour the Lieutenant Governor opened the Legislature yesterday is one of exceptional interest and importance. Too frequently in the past such speeches have been more noteworthy for their omissions than for specific references to pending legislation.

As already indicated in the Press, the new Federal-Provincial tax agreement will be in the limelight, and a bill authorizing its implementation will be introduced. Electoral reform, which has recently been widely discussed at Farm Federation meetings, will be dealt with by a special Legislative committee.

Very important is the announcement that the estimates will be increased for livestock improvement, new veterinary services, land clearance and drainage and the promotion of small fruit and vegetable production, also that the forestry and fisheries services are to be extended, the latter by providing draggers more adaptable to Prince Edward Island harbors and for operation in the Eastern Gulf.

Announcement is also made that a proposal to provide a franchise to the Canadian National Railways to operate buses instead of passenger trains in all sections of the Province except between Charlottetown and Borden will be presented for consideration, and that a select standing committee will be recommended to hear representations for and against the proposed change.

While it is not expected that the session will be unduly long, there would appear to be ample material for discussion and legislation. It is to be hoped that formal speech-making will be kept within reasonable bounds, and that members will feel impelled to speak only when they have something to say.

Too Many Technicians

"One of the things that could do as much harm to the democratic way of life as any Communist effort," says Ottawa's Mayor Charlotte Whitton, "is the confusion of technical administration of services with policy-making bodies of elected representatives."

There is point to Mayor Whitton's warning that such confusion is apparent in Canada from the House of Commons all the way down to municipal governments. Consider for example, the recent resale price maintenance controversy. The issue in that controversy was clear. It was simply whether or not manufacturers of commodities in this country were to have any voice in determining the price at which their products should be sold at retail.

Those who sought to deprive the manufacturer of that right were constantly at pains to becloud the issue with the technicalities of administration, with little or no regard for the basic economic principle, which was the protection of the small merchant and the consumer from the monopolistic tendencies of the huge nation-wide retail organizations.

The fact that Parliament was induced hastily and with little opportunity to pass legislation banning resale price maintenance

agreements notwithstanding the fact that such a ban constitutes in itself a deliberate invitation to the sort of cutthroat competition which leads to monopoly practices, constitutes a striking example of what happens when "government by technicians and administrators" replaces government by the people in Parliament.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Our representatives at Ottawa, newly there for the session, are already looking forward to the prorogation in May.

The aerial ice patrol is again in operation, but without Captain Brown, who efficiently discharged the duty the last few years, and is now located in Halifax.

Mr. Frank Curtis gave cheering news to the Rotarians Monday when he predicted that the construction industry here would have an active and busy year ahead of it.

Restrictions on the movement in Canada of Russian diplomats is far more in the Russian tradition than our own, but in politics, as in sport, it is sometimes necessary to adapt one's style to that of the other team.

Reports covering the financial year of the Province may be somewhat out of date for a March session, but there can be no doubt that at this time of year the electorate can devote the greatest time to Provincial affairs as handled in the Legislature.

The great wool-producing countries have been doing so well in recent years that it comes as something of a shock to see Australia required to adopt austerity measures. The trouble seems to be that prosperity at home made for excessive imports.

No one can say how long it will be necessary to keep Canadian troops in Korea, but a more or less static period will prove more of a problem in morale than really hard fighting. Comforts and messages from home are more than ever essential.

It is a measure of the vital interest in education in Quebec that the big Province has accepted Federal aid to universities. Other Provinces are not so very concerned over the possibility of Federal control in that field and consequently are apt to see fewer objections to Federal financing.

In this Province where diesels are the rule the sound of a locomotive whistle is apt to evoke nostalgia. Not so in Ottawa, where the sound is barred as being a nuisance and only permitted when there is imminent danger of an accident.

The snowy condition of the streets did not permit the old time custom of military parading the Lieut.-Governor from Government House to the Provincial Building for the opening of the Legislature. St. Dunstan's enthusiasts, however, got ahead of the St. Patrick's society in parading through the streets.

"Getting away with it" is not so simple in U. S. A. officialdom as it was in days gone by. Not a few prominent Government appointees are now spending long terms of imprisonment for defrauding the Government in one shape or another. Congressional investigations and other probes have laid bare the dishonesty.

Sun Yat-sen, Chinese statesman and first president of Republican China, died this date 1925. He graduated in medicine in Hong Kong in 1892, having become a Christian. He fled to Europe after an unsuccessful rising but finally directed the freeing of 13 out of 18 provinces from the Manchus. For a time a Marxist, his personal leadership was nevertheless a driving force for Chinese nationalism.

Councillor McCormac is to be commended for his action in raising the question of the administration of the Parks in the coming summer. These are places of beauty, rest and quietude for many old citizens and visitors, as well as for recreation for youngsters. Both are necessary, but in order to make them so, proper administration must be introduced and maintained.

Citizens as a whole, no doubt, are delighted to learn that His Worship Mayor Stewart has been asked by the City Council to accompany Premier Jones to Ottawa to see what can be done to hurry-up the erection of the proposed Federal Building. While he is there he might as well look into the prospects of making our airport available for the expansion so necessary to the prosperity of not only the City but the Province as well. The proposed Armouries demand action, and this also the delegation can well handle. It is about time our citizens and their leaders became active in these public affairs.

Look What's Floating Around!



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.

ROAD MOVE COMMENDED

Sir,—The farmers have some discouraging things happen from time to time, but in your Western Guardian of March 7th there are some very encouraging signs. I notice that the Summerside Board of Trade is starting a campaign to help get our country roads widened, graded and ready for snow removal. Now I live on a road known as the old Malpeque Road, which connects two good farming sections, is in an almost direct line from Borden to Kensington, connects with the paved road to Charlottetown, and is also in line with the road to the National Park via Margate, Clinton, Clifton.

We would appreciate very much if the Summerside Board of Trade would take this matter up with the proper authorities, and arrange to have this road widened, graded and paved as soon as possible. I am sure their agricultural attaché, Mr. T. J. Inman, will give them able support. Mr. Inman has been an active member of the agricultural committee and has had close affiliation with the Government for years. To the Summerside Board of Trade we would say—Keep up the good work, for there are a lot of farmers living on narrow roads who would like to get out in the winter and do business in Summerside.

I am, Sir, etc. R. A. PROFITT. Freetown, P. E. I.

THE RUSTICO SITUATION

Sir,—Although I cannot wholly agree with the writer of the letter "Enjoying The Winter", which appeared in the March 7th issue of The Guardian, I am sporting enough to agree that perhaps one-tenth of his statements may be correct. The remaining nine-tenths are too trivial to occupy a serious mind. As to the fuel situation at North Rustico, it was serious but not grim. With no railroad at its back door, and its roads completely blocked by those so-called "white battalions", and its residents not living in the woods where they might have been able to get a load of wood, the little village was in a really serious condition. As for using the coal that belonged to the church and school, does the writer of "Enjoying The Winter" suggest that these institutions should have been closed?

As for the food supply, mainly the milk, I may state that the residents of North Rustico would not be so selfish as to let the welfare of their own one hundred or more families depend entirely on the kindness of our six or seven farmers. Ever since they had their roads paved, there was no need of having a large supply of food on hand, as transportation was not difficult and it takes money to hold such things over for months. So you can well imagine the reason why they were so unprepared this winter.

I would ask your correspondent if he came from the land of Eternal Youth where there were no old people to get the old age pension, and where the children did not get the family allowance? The pensions and allowances received in North Rustico have been well deserved. Veterans' allowances? North Rustico gave about seventy of her men and is still giving them; men who were not afraid to give up their freedom and their lives, that others might have a nice soft seat behind a school desk. I am truly surprised that a presumably educated young man would choose to indulge in such "old women's tales". Either he does not know any better or he has been misinformed. If he were not fabricating such a story, some of the older residents of North Rustico or Hunter River must have taken advantage of his youth.

As to the disaster that happened there last fall, he has only to go to the Department of Pub-

The Poet's Corner

A SONNET

When You awake upon a winter's morn, And peering from your window, see so bright The sparkling snow, which fell throughout the night. Look not upon it with a face of scorn. But peer—, think how beautiful is born. Another day—, created by God's might. And thinking this, resolve thyself outright. Always to see the rose, forget the thorn. By looking for the beauty in the world. We find more things are good than e'er we knew. For beauty can be hidden, as a That, covered by the deepest waters blue. Cannot be seen until it's brought to light. And viewed upon by God's great gift, thy sight. —G. I. R. Charlottetown.

Sassenachs Retain The Stone

(Montreal Gazette) Britain's onetime proud slogan that "what we have, we hold" has been firmly re-asserted by Prime Minister Churchill with special regard to the fabled Stone of Scone. Standing undaunted against a renewed outburst of protest and controversy, Mr. Churchill has officially disclosed the restoration of the historic Stone to its traditional resting place, in the seat of the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey. Following the return of the Stone, there was a feeling in many quarters that the bold raid on the Abbey, while deplorable on many counts, had given impetus to the nationalist campaign and strengthened the Scottish claim to official custody of the relic. One suggestion advanced was that a compromise might be effected by placing the Stone in Scotland, whence it was taken over 650 years ago to become Britain's Coronation Stone, and taking it to London only for the coronation of a new sovereign. Mr. Churchill has made it plain he will brook no such compromise. His stand in essence is that Sassenach England, having held possession of the venerable token for six and a half centuries, intends to maintain it in its traditional place and function. In view of the solemn symbolic role the Stone has filled for over 11 centuries, first in the crowning of Scottish kings and subsequently of the sovereigns of Britain, its value is not easily discounted nor its custody lightly yielded.

lic Works in Charlottetown where he will be correctly informed of the extent of the damage.

I will try to explain to him the difference between a residence and a "shanty". A residence has a roof, four walls, and is generally divided into different sections inside. A shanty is a one-room building used to salt fish and stow away gear. I am not going to imply that people did not live in shanties in the past, but being twenty years old and having lived in North Rustico nineteen of those years, I can truthfully say that to the best of my knowledge I am not acquainted with anyone who lives in a shanty.

I hope and pray that the din and clamour of our snowplows may never disturb the peace and tranquility of Mr. Carr's mind, and I sincerely hope that the spring thaws will not be so cruel as to take away those seven pounds which he says he gained while looking contentedly at the snow banks this winter. I am, Sir, etc. MRS. T. D. ANOTHER SCHOOL TEACHER Oyster Bed Bridge.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) MILLNER'S SEED DRILL

"It affords us sincere pleasure to announce that our fellow-townsmen, Mr. George Millner, has at length obtained from Washington, D.C., letters patent for his admirable seed drill. This document grants to Mr. Millner, his executors, etc., for seventeen years from the 30th May last, the exclusive right of making, using, and vending to others to be used, the said implement, a description of which is given in the printed schedule attached to the patent. The superiority of this machine over any other seed drill hitherto invented, either in Europe or America, is, we believe, placed beyond all dispute, and Mr. Millner will now reap, we trust, an ample reward for the ingenuity and perseverance which have enabled him to surmount all difficulties and produce an economical and thoroughly original agricultural implement that has given entire satisfaction to all who have fairly tested its capabilities. "Of the machine itself it is sufficient to say, at present, that it is easily in construction, is not easily put out of order, and is so inexpensive as to place it within the reach of every farmer requiring its services. The saving of seed which it will effect is alone sufficient to warrant its introduction wherever the cereals are extensively cultivated. The ease and expedition with which newly-ploughed and properly-prepared land can be gone over by this machine, is another important consideration. "The width and beautiful regularity of the rows, and the uniform depth at which the precious grain is deposited in the soil ensure the ripening of the crop with a regularity hitherto unattainable by any other process. The simplicity of the contrivance by which the seed is covered with earth is sufficient to protect it from the depredations of birds, and the waste incident to excessive rain storms, and other drawbacks to which the grain sown broadcast is necessarily exposed in our fickle climate, will at once be seen and appreciated by the most casual observer. In all these respects, we do not hesitate to say, Mr. Millner's machine stands unrivalled. "We would earnestly recommend the skeptical—if there be any—to pay an early visit to the fields of those enterprising farmers who have supplied themselves with these invaluable machines. Benj. Wright, Esq., Belmont, has one field of oats and barley of thirty-five acres, the whole of which was sown by one of Mr. Millner's machines. The Hon. James Pope has several fields of wheat and other grains, all of which were sown by one of Mr. Millner's machines, and which now present a very fine appearance. One field of winter wheat, in full ear, on the Lower Royalty Road, about a mile from this city, is worthy of special attention. "Zechariah Mayhew, Esq., of Cornwall, one of our most enterprising and successful agriculturists, sowed all his broad fields of wheat, oats, etc., this spring, with one of these machines, and will, we are sure, be happy to exhibit them to all who may wish to see them. It may not be amiss to add, in conclusion, that the present seed drill is the result of a conversation which Mr. Millner had with Mr. Mayhew on the subject of seed sowing about four years since, at which time, although born and bred in one of the finest agricultural counties in England, Mr. Millner sowed all his seed-grain broadcast." —The Islander, July 7, 1871.

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The Age-Old Story And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone into the door of the sepulchre.

Notes By The Way

Tight-legged "drain-pipe" trousers are said to be catching on in England. Dudes used to wear 'em herabouts in the Gay Nineties and they had to use a fence-stretcher to get into the pesky things. It will be interesting to observe what reception this mode gets from the Canadian men of distinction in 1952. — Hamilton Spectator.

Tristan da Cunha, the island which lies in the Atlantic Ocean 300 miles west of Cape Town, has a tiny population of 250 people. Until recently this small community was isolated for it was only once a year that a boat brought supplies and mail. Life on the remote and windswept island is changing and beginning to assume an almost metropolitan atmosphere for a boat now calls every two months, which is a tremendous stepping up of transport. —BBC Bulletin.

Too many youngsters are permitted to handle weapons with only a minimum knowledge of ballistics. They know that a .22 bullet will put a hole through a tin can but they don't know that a bullet will ricochet off such targets and perhaps fatally wound an innocent spectator. Too many young people are being killed by .22 rifles and the lackadaisical attitude being shown by law-making officials doesn't seem to indicate that the need for control has registered an impression on legal minds. Whether by prohibition or instruction, steps must be taken to curb the slaughter. —Subury Star.

Under the heading of "profits" this little bit of arithmetic is featured in a business magazine advertisement directed to the trade: Retail price \$93.00; dealer cost \$50.22; your profit \$42.78. What the optimistic ad-writer termed incorrectly "your profit," and only the storekeeper who handles the product will know whether that is sufficient to make any profit at all. Out of markup

must come all the costs of running a store—wages, insurance, delivery, inventory losses, taxes, interest on the mortgage and scores of other things. To pretend that all is gravy between the wholesale and retail price levels, is to make the storekeeper look like either a fool or a pig. —Toronto Financial Post.

Howard Burton Macdonald, elected in 1944 and 1949 by Calgary voters as an Independent member of the Legislature, has by his announcement that it is his intention, "either from my seat on the Opposition side, or from your right, Mr. Speaker, to support the Government." He has accepted the Social Credit philosophy and the economic principles for which it stands. Now Mr. Macdonald's convictions are his own and there can be no quarrel with his conversion to Social Credit. But there can be, and there should be, sharp rejection of his intention to continue to sit in the House as the representative of those Calgary electors who voted for him as an Independent. —Edmonton Journal.

Hundreds of packing plant workers are being thrown out of work because of dislocations ensuing from the foot-and-mouth disease. As yet no compensation is being planned for them, except of course, the unemployment insurance to which they automatically become entitled. There will be sympathy for these workers. They are idle through no fault of their own or, indeed, through no fault of livestock producers. But, as they suffer the consequences of loss of income, perhaps they will become more understanding of the plight of farmers who lose when there is any strike in packing plants. This occurrence proves how interlocked are the activities and welfare of farmers and packing plant employees. —Windsor Daily Star.

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