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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the Dew" "The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Agricultural Meetings

The district meetings of the P. E. I. Federation of Agriculture being held at 26 centres are what is known today as the grass roots of the organization.

In fact the Federation of Agriculture has been a powerful instrument for making the farmer's views effective.

Such instances have been few, however, for the record of the Federation is one of effective service to the industry and to the Province.

Civil Defence

No one, of course, expects to be landed in the middle of a war on his own doorstep but one of the things which helps to make the possibility more remote is preparedness in the form of an effective civil defence organization.

"The whole object of Warfare in Civil Defence", he has said, "is to get back into circulation all the people who are in trouble as a result of enemy action."

Undue Thought For The Morrow

Without going into the number of men who kill themselves through frugality and overwork in order that they may enjoy their retirement, economists are becoming more and more concerned with the happiness, wealth and general well-being of the nation.

Thanks to a better understanding of health laws, those in the 60 years and older group, now compose a large and increasingly important part of the population.

The one being retired has probably not even reached his peak of efficiency, and is almost certainly still capable of giving much of himself for many years.

Those who have yielded to the philosophy that they have earned their rest, and should now "take it easy", have in many cases entered instead upon a state of frustration, unhappiness and misery.

A Staggering Burden

An interesting feature of the Federal budget this year was the up-to-date picture it gave of total governmental finance at all levels.

As against that revenue all governments combined spent \$4,961 millions. Together they thus accumulated a surplus of revenue over expenditure of \$1,064 millions.

Federal expenditures were \$3,058 millions and provincial and municipal expenditures combined \$1,903 millions.

fiscal year) was \$1,031 millions and the provincial and municipal surplus \$33 millions. The chief significance of these figures is their gigantic growth on both sides of the ledger.

The immediate question thus raised is how much money the taxpayer possessed to meet these levies and pay his own private expenses.

"This is the most extraordinary fact emerging from the latest report on our national housekeeping," comments the Winnipeg Free Press.

"As all societies have found in the past, when the state goes beyond a certain point in taxes it either reduces the incentive to produce or, to pay its bills, resorts to inflation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Grass fires are sometimes the only method of clearing areas for new growth but their danger is a good reason for using other methods when practical.

Far from being surprising, Argentina's problem of coping with wild and dangerous rumours is exactly what might have been expected once the free press had been effectively muzzled.

The peace treaty with Japan becomes effective today. It is probably too much to hope that the years of occupation have completely changed the outlook of that nation.

A taxpayer has come up with an objection to the policy of large surpluses to reduce the public debt.

Nothing new under the sun. It has now been proved scientifically that the moon does affect the human system, especially from October to January.

The Federal Government's decision to tax the Canadian National Railways as well as other crown-companies will not cost anything and will provide a better comparison with private industry.

Sir Alexander Campbell Mackenzie, Scottish musical composer, teacher of music and violinist, died this date 1935.

A new recorder which shows up phenomena never previously revealed to doctors—by even the most sensitive electro cardiographs—has been developed by a London, Eng., firm.

While we here may be going ultra democratic in the selection of Governor-General, in Australia it is apparently the other way about.

Ahead: Fresh Momentum



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.

VERSES APPRECIATED

Sir,—I enjoy reading the Island papers and particularly the poems you publish. I have read several in your paper at Easter time and enjoyed them all very much.

WARNS AGAINST DEER

Sir,—Does Premier Jones realize what he is doing when he recommends the culling of the population of Prince Edward Island?

SECURITY

Sir,—Security is a much used word and a much abused one. After all our talk and writing we still do not know when we are secure.

OSOPHY OF THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT

osophy of the Russian Government, and it shows us as nothing else could the ultimate end of our own materialism.

Old Charlottetown

(And F. E. I.) THE FANNY VOYAGERS

Reference to the voyage of the brig Fanny from Charlottetown, Nov. 12, 1849, to California has appeared frequently in this column.

Notes From Another Island

LONDON, England: We have just witnessed, here in London, what might be termed the annual pilgrimage of North-country sports fans to the capital.

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By "Anson"

The occasion is the final game in the Rugby League Football Cup competition. Not mark you, the Soccer Cup Final, that other annual affair so full of glitter and glory.

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Notes By The Way

Tailor-made cigarets and matches have been banned from all forest areas in Ontario covered by the Ontario Forest Fire Prevention Act until October.

Lake Superior has, in proportion to its size, the smallest drainage basin. It is the world's largest lake, but there are no great rivers flowing in.

Basin is only about twice the size of the lake. Other lakes have drainage basins several times their own size.

The Poet's Corner

FLIGHT OF THE GEES

I hear the low wind wash the softening snow. The low tide loiter down the shore. The night, Full filled with April forecast, hath no light.

The Age-Old Story

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

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