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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

CHARLOTTETOWN, SATURDAY, FEB. 2, 1952 Problems Of Federal Government

A great deal of business in Canada today is national in scope. This applies particularly to the marketing of natural products, potatoes, wheat, fish, apples, and so forth. It cannot be conveniently or easily divided into intra-provincial and extra-provincial aspects for the purpose of regulation or grading or marketing.

Regulation is necessary and the Courts point out that Canada is a sovereign state within the limits of the B.N.A. Act and that any matter of sovereignty may be legislated on by the appropriate body, either Dominion or Provincial. Unfortunately, however, as in the Potato Marketing Board Case decided this week, the Courts do not admit that it is a simple matter to draft dovetailing Dominion-Provincial legislation the parts of which will be within the jurisdiction of the respective enacting bodies and yet which will together provide an effective control of the industry concerned.

In fact, since 1935 the Courts have ruled out successive attempts at such coordination with depressing regularity. Unless a new generation of legislative draftsmen can devise a scheme which avoids all the legal pitfalls of their predecessors it will be essential that the problem be met by yet another constitutional amendment — declaring that one Government can delegate legislative powers to another.

God Makes A Difference

During National Health Week, which is being observed across Canada next week, the importance of good food habits is being brought to public attention. In a predominantly agricultural Province such as Prince Edward Island, the feeding of livestock on a scientific basis is taken almost for granted. Special feeds are known to contain the correct amount of protein, vitamin and minerals and regular feeding hours are maintained. In the human family, however, common sense rules are too frequently ignored. Food habits are formed at an early age, and the value of children receiving all the foods recommended by the food rules cannot be overemphasized.

These rules may be obtained free of charge from the Division of Nutrition in the Department of Health and Welfare. They lay particular stress on the value of plain, ordinary common foods, such as are produced here in abundance.

"To Be Or Not To Be"

This is the question agitating both society and politicians on the two sides of the Atlantic.

Earlier reports published in Toronto quoted friends of Mr. Massey as having said that "despite vehement denials from his family", he will marry Baroness Ravensdale within a week.

She is the spinster daughter of the late Marquis Curzon of Kedleston, and is a peeress in her own right. The Baroness inherited a fortune through her mother, the former Mary Leiter, daughter of a Chicago meat millionaire.

The story, by Jane Armstrong, the Toronto Telegram's staff correspondent in London, says that "since rumors of the romance first became current here . . . Lady Ravensdale has been as adroit as he in skirting the public eye and at her Chelsea home she was refusing calls."

It adds that it is believed Mr. Massey will wed in England and after a short honeymoon in the South of France, arrive in Ottawa in time to assume his vice-regal duties by Feb. 28, date of the opening of Parliament.

According to Burke's Peerage and Who's Who, Baroness Ravensdale (Mary Irene Curzon) was born Jan. 20, 1896, the eldest daughter of the late Marquis Curzon of Kedleston, and Mary Victoria, daughter of U. S. financier Levi Zeigler Leiter of Washington, U.S.A.

Her father was created Baron Ravensdale of Ravensdale, co. Derby, in 1911 and on his death in 1925 she, in default of a male heir, succeeded to the title.

The Baroness is chairman of the Highway Clubs of East London, Inc.; vice-president of the National Association of Girls Clubs and Mixed Clubs; treasurer of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund; treasurer of the World Congress of Faiths; vice-chairman of the Royal India Society; member of the Social and Industrial Commission of the Church Assembly, and executive mem-

ber of the Industrial Christian Fellowship. Her presumptive to the title is Nicholas Mosley, nephew of the Baroness. He is the son of Sir Oswald Mosley and the late Lady Mosley who was Cynthia Blanche Curzon, sister of the present Baroness Ravensdale.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Ground Hog Day. . . . Candlemas. Purification. . . .

Tomorrow, the 4th Sunday after Epiphany.

The Halifax Chronicle-Herald which has been selling on the Island at 3c has increased its rate to 5c and 30c per week.

The proposal that the Province of Ontario pay half the cost of milk for school children is a practical move both for better nutrition and as a means of aiding the hard pressed dairy industry.

The Ottawa Journal is taking a well-deserved bow because as early as October 27 it carried a story to the effect that the then Viscount Alexander was one of two prospects for Churchill's Minister of Defence.

It appears that in addition to his earldom, the Governor General has been given a barony. He will retain the family name for his new title of Earl, and adopt Rideau as the barony title. His elder son Shane will be known as Lord Rideau — a reminder of his father's six years happy connection with the administration office in Ottawa.

The R.C.N. has written finis to the case of "Surgeon Lieutenant Cyr". It is doubtful if he could have been convicted of illegal practice of medicine and the Navy is no doubt only too glad to forget the hoax. In any case there is little danger that his example will lead to any outbreak of similar escapades.

American tourist industry expects that about 70 million Americans will spend \$15 billion on holiday travel at home and abroad in 1952. All signs point to a boom year for rail, airline and shipping agents. Canada will get a larger share of the business, having opened the door to more two-way tourist traffic with the U.S.A. by lifting restrictions on foreign exchange.

A spirit of competition is generally undesirable for pre-teen agers, a Montreal committee appointed to study athletic programs in recreation agencies has decided. The committee agreed that children display a high degree of team spirit and the emphasis on competing for awards before an adult audience caused individual aggressiveness to the detriment of the spirit of co-operation or team play.

The late Rev. Mother Paula, C.S.M., will long be remembered for her outstanding work in connection with the Charlottetown Hospital and with the order of the Sisters of St. Martha in this Province, of which she was the Superior General for some years. Hers was a life of complete devotion to religious and humanitarian duties, and her passing, at a comparatively early age, will be felt as a personal loss by thousands of our citizens who knew and honoured her.

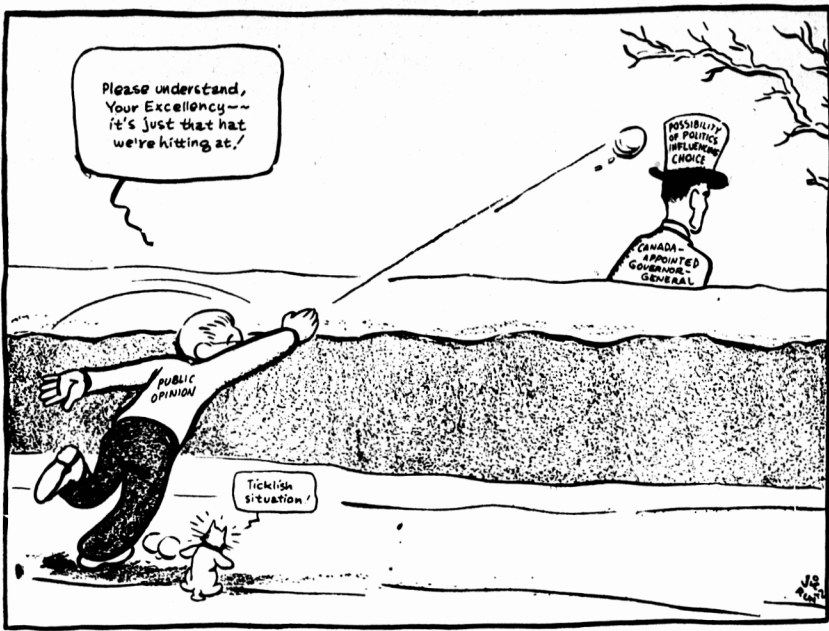
St. Valentine's Day (February 14) has grown far beyond the greeting card, candy and flower stage, says Howard P. Abrahams, sales promotion manager, National Retail Dry Goods Association. He regards the day as a gift buying period of considerable significance for retailers. "This event and the extra 'leap year' day provide retailers with a gilt-edged opportunity for increased sales in February," Mr. Abrahams claims.

It was only natural that Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey should have his name associated with a daughter of Lord Curzon with a view to matrimony. Mr. Massey is our outstanding authority on culture, and the late Marquis was noted while at Oxford, and later in the House of Commons, as the beau ideal of what an ultra cultured person should be. Indeed his fellow students at Oxford used to declare "George Augustus Curzon he, A very 'supeiah' person be."

So that Mr. Massey would be quite at home in such company.

Those were the days when irreverent youths took a childish delight in belittling their "supeiahs" in office or elsewhere. For instance the late Lord Balfour, when plain Mr. J. A. Balfour and bachelor leader of the House of Commons, was extremely bashful, and whenever he was singled out for praise and commendation used to blush scarlet like a school girl. This resulted in him being nicknamed "Fanny".

Inviting Target



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.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REV. MOTHER PAULA

Sir,—The Provincial Order of the Rev. Sisters of St. Martha has suffered a sad and irreparable loss by the death of Rev. Mother Paula, one of the foundresses and one of the most beloved and outstanding Sisters of that great Order.

A successful school teacher, Sister Paula registered as a Novice in 1918 and was trained in Antigonish by the good Sisters of the Nova Scotia Order of St. Martha. She soon became Mistress of Novices and in 1924 completed a successful course in hospital administration at Marquette University. She was appointed Administrator of the City Hospital in 1925 and remained in that important position until 1933 when she was chosen Mother General of the Order, which position she occupied for twelve years. Then she returned to the City Hospital as Administrator, continuing to carry on successfully the arduous duties of that important position until she was compelled by ill health to retire some months ago. She had also found time to establish her fellow Sisters in the Western Hospital at Alberton.

The position of administrator of Class A Standard Hospitals such as we have in this City is a most difficult and trying one, and requires unusual ability, patience, diplomacy and good judgment.

It has been my great privilege, as a member of the Board of Governors and Chief of the Medical Staff of the City Hospital, to have been closely associated with Mother Paula during her twenty-seven years of devoted service, and perhaps I have had a better opportunity than anyone to estimate clearly and appraise fully the wonderful work this great Sister has done for our Hospital.

I give more credit to Mother Paula than to anyone else for the thorough planning of the countless details in the general layout of the New Annex, which completes a modern hospital second to none in its competent staff and appointments to any in this country. It is a marvel to me to consider the greatness and priceless value of her good leadership and work for the whole Order and this institution in particular. The City Hospital will always stand as a great monument to her ability and complete success as a hospital administrator.

It is hardly necessary to say that she was beloved by all who had the privilege of being associated with her in her administrative duties. She was just, fair, patient and diplomatic and her decisions were never questioned. Mother Paula leaves a wonderful legacy to the members of her Order, the legacy of a saintly life in the hospital field for which purpose the Order was created, a rich life in service to the sick and poor. I feel sure that her long record of wonderful service will inspire not only the members of her own religious order but all our citizens well.

I tender my sincere sympathy to the Sisters of St. Martha and to Mother Paula's bereaved relatives, the Rev. William MacPhee, Mr. H. F. MacPhee, K.C. and Miss Isabel MacPhee.

I am, Sir, etc. W. J. P. MACMILLAN (Patriot Please Copy)

Lister Centenary

A hundred years ago, people used to say that they would rather risk the battlefield than the operating theatre; if you were going to have an operation, you invariably made your will first. The hygienic principles of present-day surgery were unheard of; doctors did not regard it as remarkable that so many "successful" operations were followed by the death of the patient. Little notice was taken when Dr. Joseph Lister recommended cleanliness—and any way cleanliness in itself was not enough to stop the innumerable cases of "hospital gangrene."

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) BEAR HUNT

"On the 14th ult., as a person belonging to Queen's County was coming home from the woods, he accidentally came across a den occupied by a large bear. Next day he went and secured the services of two experienced marksmen, who were well armed with guns. They went to the den, and found it still occupied by the bear, whereupon they fired at him, but missed their mark. They succeeded only in disturbing him from his winter home. Next day Messrs. Angus Smith, John Blue, James McDonald and Duncan Currie, of Little Sands, started and followed Bruin by his tracks. They succeeded in finding him in a thick grove of bushes. One of the party fired at him, and sent a bullet through his heart, and so ended his career. He was a very large animal, and weighed 437 lbs."

He was the first to use carbolic acid, gauze, the acid vaporiser for purifying wards, and rubber tubing for draining fresh wounds (Queen Victoria was one of the "experimental" patients on whom this tube was tried). Medical colleagues jeered at Lister for his "mythical fungus"; but when he died forty years ago, on February 1, 1912, he had won a total victory—every surgeon had adopted his ideas. Right down to our own times, his teaching retains its hold. Chemical antiseptics, like the sulphamides and penicillin, which are in constant use during operations, are a modern development of Lister's ideas. And his acid vaporiser, in a new form, is still to be found in operating theatres.—(UNESCO).

The Poet's Corner

FROM THE SNOW-STORM

Announced by all the trumpets of the sky, Arrives the snow, and, driving o'er the fields, Seems nowhere to alight: the whited air Hides hills and woods, the river, and the heaven, And veils the farm-house at the garden's end. The sled and traveller stopped, the courier's feet Delayed, all friends shut out, the housemates sit Around the radiant fireplace, enclosed in a tumultuous privacy of storm.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The Age-Old Story

When Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen; they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves. Yet I am the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me; for there is no saviour beside me. . . . I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death; O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction.

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AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

Notes By The Way

A Toronto woman, walking her dog, fell on an icy sidewalk and died of her injuries. Thousands of people every Winter fall on icy streets or walks, and without serious injury, but the risk is there. —Ottawa Journal.

Yugoslavia, which has received food relief from other countries for its children in drought-stricken areas, has undertaken to help Korea's war orphans. Its grant of \$715,000 to the United Nations children's fund is being used to buy in Yugoslavia prefabricated units for four residential communities. The U. N.'s Korean Reconstruction Agency will transport and assemble the units. The project is a good example of international co-operation to meet human needs. —Ottawa Citizen.

Those who've survived being run over by an automobile may envy the North Carolina mule which had a similar painful experience. After being run over, the mule arose on all four feet and kicked the offending car into the roadside ditch. That's telling 'em. As a means of self-expression a mule's kick is something to be respected. Fortunately or unfortunately— whichever way you feel about it—only a mule is capable of it. —Sydney Post-Record.

Prime Minister St. Laurent's latest statement on the word "Dominion" must have astonished readers across the country. There is a sharp difference between what he now says and what was universally understood to be the Government's view until last Friday. Mr. St. Laurent may have changed his mind but the more likely explanation is that he wants to be on both sides of the question. The whole question, of course, is far from world-shaking. This country's future greatness will not depend on its name; and that name will not be fixed by Government action but by general usage. Mr. St. Laurent has acknowledged this. At the same time, by trimming his sails to catch all the winds of popular opinion, he has completely disposed of the once widely held belief that he is no politician. —Toronto Globe and Mail.

Thomas R. Lee, editor and publisher of the Ingersoll (Ont.) Tribune, has been honored with public office. He is now a councillor. Moreover, he has been appointed

chairman of works, a position which he reports has always been considered a plum in that community. But Mr. Lee isn't going to permit such high estate to interfere one bit with the principles of the Tribune, adhered to since its founding 78 years ago. In an editorial headed "Mouthpiece," the publisher says: "Council, for example, will continue to be reported in straight objective fashion by Reporter Lee. Editorials will express the views of the Publisher Lee, whether they be matters before council or not, whether they coincide with the views of council as a whole or not. Councillor Lee will be reported along with every other councillor, and the columns of the Tribune will continue to be open to all." Now, let us do battle.—Toronto Financial Post.

A distinguished Quebec family has been bereaved by the death of Mrs. Louis-Alexandre Taschereau, wife of the former Liberal premier of the province. It is a loss that is keenly felt in the entire Quebec community by close friends as well as those who admired the gracious lady from afar. Although less active in later years until her last illness, Mrs. Taschereau remained the cornerstone of her family that has become distinguished in politics, on the bench and in the engineering field. A wealth of grandchildren also mourn her passing. Her husband guided the destinies of the province from 1920 to 1936 and it was during these years that Mrs. Taschereau won the admiration of all for her charitable works, devotion to her family and became distinguished in her own right as a student of arts, history, literature and especially music. —Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

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