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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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The Enemy At Home

Parliament and Press echo the concern of most Canadians regarding the creeping menace of inflation. Advocates of price control proclaim with increasing vehemence the necessity for putting the country into an economic straightjacket.

It takes but a moment's calm deliberation to understand that the fundamental cause of inflation is that the supply of money exceeds the supply of available goods.

"Pump-priming," or the putting into circulation of additional money by the Government, was regarded as a proper and necessary step to overcome depression.

The only step taken by the Government in this direction was Finance Minister Abbott's somewhat elastic restrictions on installment buying.

This can be accomplished without any undue raising of taxes. Once credit curbs have been imposed, they can be policed with infinitely more ease than can price and wage controls.

Jellied Gasoline

Daily we read of the devastating effects of napalm, jellied gasoline, when used as an incendiary bomb by United Nations airmen in Korea.

In modern life gasoline is in constant use. Without it we would still be, not perhaps in the horse and buggy era but in that of the railway.

Part of the price we have had to pay and are paying is in the risk hitherto inseparable from the handling, storage and use of gasoline.

Women On Juries

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Jury service by "12 good men and true", notes the Ottawa Citizen, goes back to the beginnings of English democracy and civilized judicial procedure.

public duty. But it gives to the people, by and for whom laws are made, a share in the administration of justice.

New Cancer Clinic

Premier Frost has announced the establishment of a new cancer clinic in Toronto, to be the finest on the continent. The physical structure of the new Institute of Radiotherapy will be built by funds supplied by the Ontario and Federal Governments.

The Globe and Mail predicts that as a result of the facilities now about to be provided, the effectiveness of the Canadian Cancer Society will be multiplied many times.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Island Kinsmen are celebrating "Founder's Night" and will be joined by all in extending greetings to their founder and welcome guest.

Admiral Peary, American explorer, died this date 1920. He led an expedition to Greenland in 1891-2 and again in 1905-6 and 1908-9.

Invasion of this Province by aphids from New Brunswick was charged in the annual report of the Federal Department of Agriculture.

Three men fell 85 feet into a snowbank in Quebec City the other day. They were almost uninjured by the fall but badly bruised and battered by the shovels of enthusiastic rescuers.

The winter jobs campaign is probably of as much value to employers as to the workers. Neglect to have jobs done in the off season will probably result in having to employ less skilled men in the spring if it is possible to get the job done at all.

"Utility" goods may be in store for Canada according to the Ottawa Citizen. Sound products at moderate prices should prove popular.

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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.

MARK ANTONY TACTICS

Sir.—It is a well-known theory among present day psychologists that an individual who expresses criticism of another individual's appearance or ability is either jealous of him or feels himself inferior to him in some manner.

One must concede, however, a cleverness as the attack progresses. Mark Antony swung the mob of ancient Rome to his side by praising the ability of Brutus along certain lines, purposely neglecting to mention his ability in others and finally falsely branding him as the exponent of the very thing that Brutus, the idealist, worked so hard to avoid.

Can anyone on Prince Edward Island in this year 1951 of the atomic age still be of the opinion that the farmer is not able to think for himself or that he can be swayed by such obvious tactics as were employed by Mark Antony on the mob of ancient Rome? Again, one wonders.

WHAT PRICE MARKETING BOARDS?

Sir.—There has been much controversy recently about the possible benefits of the Potato Marketing Boards recently set up in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

What is happening today? We find that New Brunswick Canada One Grade potatoes are being sold, in volume, at \$1.16 to \$1.18 per new seventy-five pound bag delivered Montreal, whereas P.E.I. potatoes are being quoted at \$1.35 per bag, but sales are few and far between.

We are told that New Brunswick farmers receive the same minimum prices as P.E.I. farmers for potatoes, under the Marketing Boards. Let us look at the cost of potatoes delivered to Montreal: Minimum price to farmer55 per 75 lb. bag

On the same basis New Brunswick potatoes cost approximately 1.20 per bag delivered Montreal. From the above it will be seen that either New Brunswick farmers are being paid less than Marketing Board prices — or N. B. shippers are selling at less than cost.

This situation is serious. Let us see what the P.E.I. Potato Marketing Board will do about it, and how quickly they take action.

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Potato Paper AND THEY MUST HAVE SUCCEEDED... IT DOESN'T SEEM LONG SINCE SCIENCE WAS TRYING TO MAKE FOOD OUT OF INEDIBLES. WE WILL BE ABLE TO TURN AROUND AND EAT IT? WE STILL GET SOME SAUSAGE SUSPICIOUSLY LIKE GREASED SAWDUST. LIKE THIS CARTOON THIS MORNING!

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held in the rooms of the Marine Insurance Company on Monday evening, in consequence of certain resolutions introduced into the United States Congress, relating to a free trade between that country and Prince Edward Island.

The Age-Old Story

Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do.

SCOTTISH MONARCH

James VI of Scotland succeeded to the throne of England as James I. and was crowned in 1603.

THRIFTY LINCOLN

Abraham Lincoln, assassinated in 1865, left an estate of \$10,000, mostly saved from his presidential salary of \$25,000.

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Memoirs Of The Hon. A. E. Arsenault Former Premier and Retired Justice Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island As A Member Of The Provincial House

During my years in the Provincial Parliament there were two questions that gave us some concern. One was the allowing of automobiles on our public highways; the other was the leasing of barren oyster beds.

A statute had been passed during the Haszard regime which prohibited automobiles from running on the streets and public highways of the Province. That was in the year 1909.

Here again was another opportunity for our enemies to make political capital out of a situation which we were looking after in the interests of the fishermen.

On the way to the meeting, I called at a friend's house. He tried to dissuade me from attending by telling me that the feeling against the Government and myself was so strong, he was afraid I might be mobbed.

The meeting-house was crowded so the doors. People were there from miles around. I took a seat in the audience and, after a chair had been found for me, I began by saying: "I see that our representative, Mr. Arsenault, is present, and I shall now call upon him to address us."

I was then Premier. The day after the tire-cutting episode, I was waited on by a delegation of auto owners headed by the vociferous Charlottetown man who had received such cheers at the Cove Head meeting.

Immediately after the accident both polls in that district which were strongly Conservative held indignation meetings at which resolutions were passed to the effect that if the road where the accident occurred was not closed to auto traffic before the election, all the Conservatives in that district would vote against me.

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