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Defeated Amendment

By the usual Liberal majority Parliament has defeated an Opposition amendment calling for automatic right of appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada in cases involving the death penalty.

The fact that under the new bill civil cases involving a minimum amount of \$10,000 are appealable "as of right" makes the omission in capital cases even more blameworthy.

Muslim Convention

When one thinks of Muslim (commonly — though incorrectly, according to an authority on the subject,—referred to as "Moslems") one thinks of congregations of the followers of Mahomet in far off places like Egypt, Turkey, and Pakistan.

It is interesting to note the official Islamic code as stated by the chairman of this convention. "The message of Islam," he said, "is a universal message entrusted by God to his prophet to deliver to Arabs and non-Arabs whether in East or West, and whether they be black or white, rich or poor, literate or illiterate, men or women".

fans in high places. Proof of this is that the recent convention received messages of greeting from His Excellency the President of the United States and His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of New York.

The Lean-Meter

Island hog breeders will be interested in the latest use to which the science of electronics is being put. As everyone knows, the prime factor in choosing a superior pork carcass is the proportion of fat and lean meat.

This has been met by Purdue University scientists with the development of an electronic device called a "lean-meter". This instrument distinguishes between surface fat and lean tissue, by utilizing the wide difference between the conductivity of fat and muscle — fat being a poor conductor, and lean a good conductor.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Great Fire of London this date, 1666.

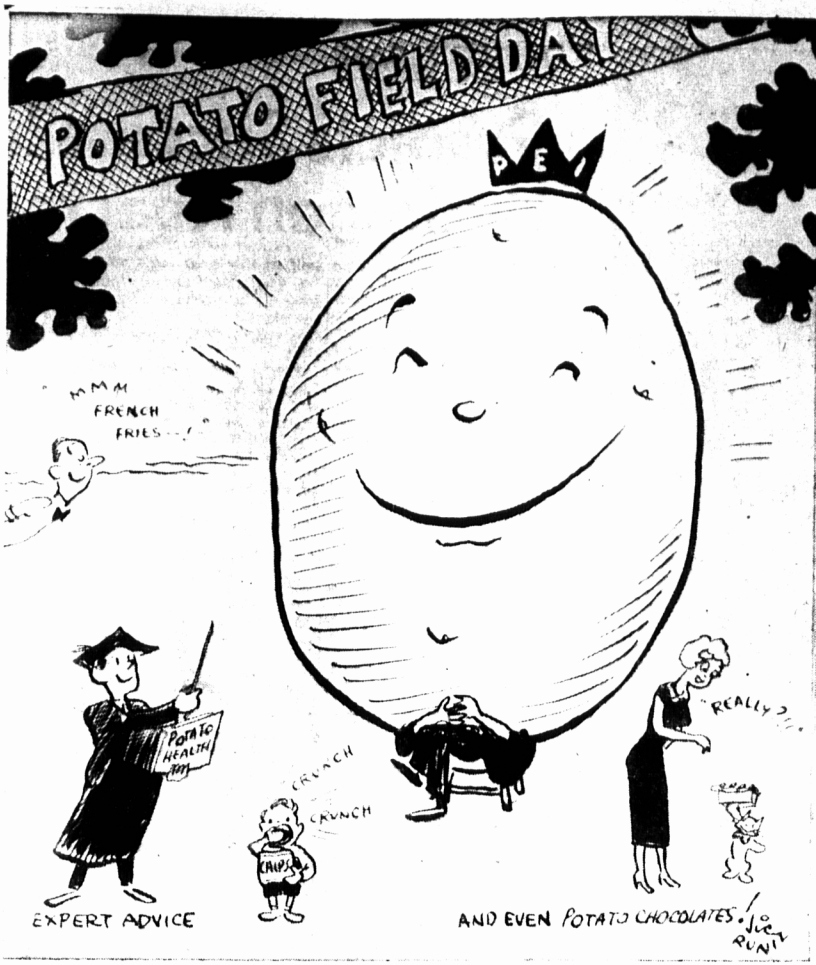
The British Ministry of Labour is becoming concerned over the rapid rise in wages. It reports that in the first four months of this year wage increases almost exactly totalled the figure by which wages rose in the whole twelve months of 1955.

A 70 year old golf expert has stated that his enthusiasm for the game is "as great as it was in his college days". He didn't say so, but no doubt he regards his skill as correspondingly high — unless he happens to be a noticeable exception to the rule.

American hog raisers are reported to be getting away from the fat and heavy type in favour of lean animals of the bacon-producing variety. This in time will interfere with Canadian exports of hogs.

Senator Estes Kefauver has announced his withdrawal from the Democratic Presidential race in favour of Adlai Stevenson. It was a wise move, provided the two men can explain away the unflattering things they said about each other in the heat of the pre-convention campaign.

Canada's Major General E. L. M. Burns, whose term as chief U. N. truce supervisor in the Middle East was due to expire next month, has been asked to continue in the post until the end of the year. This is a tribute to his ability and diplomacy and is "all the more complimentary in view of Jordan's demand that he be relieved of his duties forthwith."



SPUD ISLAND FETES ITS SPUD

Suez Canal Agreements

The Suez Canal has been the subject of international agreements and international friction ever since it first became an active project more than 100 years ago.

The first two agreements were between Mohammed Said, Ottoman Turkish khedive or viceroy of Egypt, and his old friend, Count Ferdinand Marie de Lesseps, once French consul general in Alexandria.

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ways be free and open, in time of war as in time of peace, to every vessel of commerce or of war without distinction of flag. There were nine signers—Austria, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Russia, Spain and Turkey.

On April 8, 1904, Britain signed an agreement with France in which she agreed that major provisions of the convention should go into effect. She was still occupying Egypt. In 1914 a British protectorate was declared.

In 1936 Britain and Egypt signed a 20-year treaty establishing a 5,000-square-mile defensive area running westward from the canal and called the Suez Canal zone.

The treaty terminated the general occupation of Egypt by British troops and U.S. airmen in the canal zone in the Second World War and Germany's Afrika Korps got no closer to it than 200 miles.

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OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Aug. 2, 1931)

About 400 enthusiastic tennis players from other parts of the Province, chiefly from Charlottetown, arrived in Summerside yesterday morning for the Provincial Tennis tournament.

Arrangements have been completed to entertain the largest crowd of spectators which have yet graced the grand stand and grounds at New Grand stand.

TEN YEARS AGO (Aug. 2, 1946)

Very Rev. Dr. Francis E. McGoldrick, Sand Springs, Okla., accompanied by Rev. Govan P. Monaghan, Ph. D. recently visited the Island. Very Rev. McGoldrick in 1940 organized the first C.Y.O. in Oklahoma; and in that year his boxing team won the top honors of the Amateur Athletic Union and the Golden Gloves in the mid west.

One thousand, two hundred and forty-seven tourists registered at the Tourist Bureau for the month of July, compared to 187 for the previous month.

For the first time in its history the City of Charlottetown was solely under protection of the R.C.M.P. for one hour and a half yesterday evening while members of the City Police force were doing honors to ex-Sergeant Allan McInnis at a banquet at the Charlottetown Hotel.

The Age Old Story

Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

self, preferably from a large doubtful state which might be brought into the fold by the local politician having been given the number two spot.

But the Republicans in 1956 will not be so casual about choosing their vice-presidential standard bearer. They will not be exercising any choice for the presidential candidate but they cannot overlook the fact that the unanimously acclaimed Eisenhower has had some serious illness in the past few months.

Therefore the shadow of the vice-presidential looms larger, and while Republicans proclaim Eisenhower as the greatest of all past presidents, there are many apparently who do not applaud his judgment in all matters.

Certainly his close associate, Harold Stassen, disagrees with Eisenhower's hearty endorsement of Richard Nixon and has publicly announced his intention to put forth the name of Governor Herter of Massachusetts. Herter loudly proclaims his loyalty to Eisenhower's chosen candidate, but there can be no doubt that Stassen, a shrewd and ambitious politician, is not without sizeable backing in his attempt to keep the party from falling under the control of the controversial occupant of the vice-presidential chair.

The Stassen deflection may at least put some life into what otherwise promises to be an extremely dull party convention.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sudenes, M. D.

NERVOUS AILMENTS HELPED BY TRANQUILIZING DRUGS Development of numerous new tranquilizing agents has sparked recent medical advances. In today's monthly review of medicine, let's take a look at some of these drugs.

Serpasil is a combination of the tranquilizing agent, Serpasil, and the mild psychomotor stimulant, Ritalin. It is used by the doctor in the treatment of various disorders marked by tension, nervousness, anxiety, apathy and mild depression.

CLINICAL STUDIES Recent clinical studies have indicated that combining the two drugs produces complementary action. Serpasil frees the patient from tension and anxiety while Ritalin stimulates and brightens his mental outlook.

Serpasil is reported useful in treatment of hypertension chronic fatigue, menopause ailments and other conditions. Meratran-Reserpin is a combination of a powerful but harmless mood-lifting chemical with tranquilizing agent. Doctors report it combats the three major symptoms of Parkinson's disease — trembling, mental depression and muscular rigidity.

While the new drug does not affect the underlying disease, it does hold the physical symptoms in check while also giving the Parkinsonian patient experiences of pleasant relaxation.

The tranquilizing drug, Milltown, is reported to be effective in treating epilepsy and in controlling severe pain associated with advanced cancer.

The drug brought relief to 83 per cent of the patients to whom it was administered in one particular type of epilepsy and some relief to one of every three persons tested with epilepsy of all types, Chicago doctors report.

New York State doctors, meanwhile, have been using the drug with cancer patients. They report it reduces psychic as well as musculoskeletal tension. But here is a timely word of caution: This drug should be used only under the doctor's direction.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Q.: Do the lungs do anything besides provide oxygen for the body? A.: The lungs have many functions besides the providing of oxygen.

They help regulate the body heat by warming the air that is breathed in and out and eliminating excessive heat from the body. An excessive amount of water in the tissues is many times excreted by the lungs in the form of moisture.

The movement of the lungs also promotes circulation. The Poet's Corner SUMMER MOMENT Under the mellow sunlight, all the people in a procession were streaming, luminous and serene.

As to some very important fete, when traffic paused before a light, the moment hung as from a height. Timelessness, as in some rhyme, dipped for a moment into Time. And all the flagstones that they saw were like the Tablets of the Law. Till in the radiance all were under, People were ambushed by the wonder.

At their encountering, face to face, The mystery of the communionplace. —Louis Ginsberg, in the New York Herald Tribune.

NOTES BY THE WAY

In view of all the cars landing in rivers, lakes and well-filled ditches it is reported that the new models are to have life preservers —Canadian Observer.

New children hidebooks so apt not to corrupt their parents.—Brandon Sun

An ichthyologist says goldfish talk with one another. If so, they are exceedingly well mannered, as they never raise their voices.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record

The Mayor of St. Louis—Raymond R. Tucker—was forced to cancel his appearance at a dinner attended Monday night by 55 dentists in his city. The Mayor had an abscessed tooth. A shocking situation. Fifty-five dentists and did Mayor Tucker fail to make an appointment? Or did the dentists object to working after hours, or demand too much overtime pay? —Cape Breton Post



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