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CIRCULATION

"Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew"

"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

CHARLOTTETOWN, THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1952

Mr. Chevrier's Visit

A welcome visitor to Charlottetown today will be the Hon. Lionel Chevrier, Federal Minister of Transport. The visit of the Minister and his party to a number of civilian airports in the Maritimes serves the purpose of reassuring the public of the Department's interest in their problems.

This Province is ideally suited for large-scale air traffic, both from its geographical position and from its freedom from fog. It is not too much to say that our whole future depends upon keeping abreast of the times in this mode of transportation, and that modern landing facilities are essential to any improvement in this respect.

Municipal Tax Problem

Property owners in general will by no means share the views expressed by Prof. D. C. Corbett, lecturer in public administration at McGill University, in addressing the recent national meeting of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities at Calgary.

Mr. Corbett's report was based on a study of all municipalities in Canada, and his percentages are averages. The situation, he conceded, varies greatly in different areas.

The Senate committee was able to get complete taxation figures up to 1950 only, though fair estimates were obtained for 1951 and 1952.

Federal, 1939, \$480,027,000; 1940, \$2,411,218,000; 1950, \$2,905,578,000.

Provincial, 1939, \$236,223,000; 1940, \$730,842,000; 1950, \$824,693,000.

Municipal, 1939, \$316,964,000; 1940, \$511,834,000; 1950, \$562,408,000.

In the case of the municipalities, real estate taxes included in the above municipal figures rose as follows: 1939, \$243,418,000; 1940, \$369,309,000; 1951, \$402,868,000.

Commenting on the above figures, an Ottawa correspondent concedes Mr. Corbett's point that the total revenue received by all municipal governments today would only be about enough to maintain the level of 1939, but takes issue entirely with his argument that steep increases in municipal real estate taxes would solve the problem.

ipalities. On the latter point, W. R. Martin, secretary to Prime Minister St. Laurent, told the convention "further careful consideration will be given to this request," that is, exemption from the sales tax.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Picture patrons should not miss the superb dramatization of the biblical story of Samsen and Delilah now being shown at the Prince Edward Theatre.

A nine-day meeting of the Society of Friends started at Oxford on Monday. The 300-year-old society was founded by George Fox and its members nicknamed Quakers.

It appears that no concrete results are expected from the conference of Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Education for the Atlantic Provinces now meeting in Charlottetown.

Iranian officials reason that they have no need of a strengthened army because they have no intention of attacking anybody.

A little defence work went on recently along the undefended border of the United States and Canada. When an "extremely dangerous" forest fire threatened Little Kinoo mountain in Maine about 100 Canadian woodsmen were recruited to join United States crews in confining it to a small area.

Students between 19 and 25 who have completed two years at a university may be selected for one of the eleven Rhodes Scholarships available for Canada.

That radar is no less subject to error than the human observer is the lesson from reports of strange objects detected over Washington.

In British Columbia a father and son geology team have over thirty years turned up some really out-size weapons.

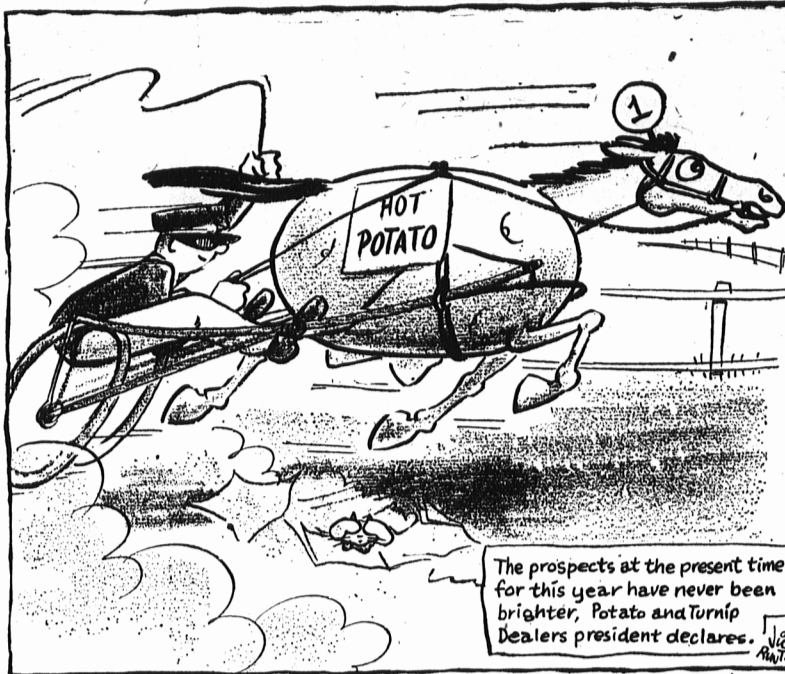
The third battle of Ypres, also known as the battle of Flanders, commenced this date 1917. It consisted of prolonged operations lasting until the beginning of November, in which the Canadians distinguished themselves in the capture of Passchendaele on Nov. 6.

You need a program to tell where the Olympic swimmers come from, according to an AP dispatch. Take Kelly for instance. He's Kelly dos-Santos of the Brazilian water polo team.

The Montreal Gazette notes that when the net provincial per capita taxes for each of the ten Provinces were tallied at the end of last year, the tax on Quebec (\$62.70) was found to be the lowest.

Until the disease which is reported among some livestock in Prince County is diagnosed it is useless to comment on its nature, but in the meantime we have the assurance of the federal and provincial authorities that everything possible is being done to prevent further spread of the outbreak, and to trace the trouble to its source.

Again A Favourite



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

MARITIME PRIZE SHOOT

"The silver cup voted by the P. E. Island Legislature at its last session to be competed for by the Volunteers of the Lower Provinces, was fired for at Charlottetown during the past week.

The firing grounds are situated about a mile and a half from the city of Charlottetown, and were the scene of great excitement during the whole week.

All of us are familiar with sidewalk photographers. They stand ready, awaiting what they deem to be a likely looking customer, snap the picture and try to make a sale.

The Age-Old Story

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.

Coronation Souvenirs

(London Calling) With less than 12 months before the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth—the date is June 2 next year—preparations are already well under way for souvenirs of the occasion.

There are also certain parts of the regalia like the orb, sceptre, and sword of state which are used in the religious part of the Coronation ceremony. It is considered bad taste to copy them for souvenirs.

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Notes By The Way

More than 30 percent of the drugs now dispensed regularly were unknown 10 years ago. If the cost of pharmaceutical research makes the price of some drugs higher than it would be otherwise, surely it has paid off in human lives saved.

New England Skywatchers briefly observed "silver discs" in the sky as these headed out to sea. They were kept in sight just about as long as the average person can keep those silver discs which are supposed to be in purse or pocket.

This is the nineteenth session of the Banff School of Fine Arts. It will run for twelve weeks and will enable some 500 students to study arts and crafts under leading Canadian and American teachers.

Seventy-nine men arrested at a cocking main in London township were fined a total of \$2,170 and the birds found by police ordered destroyed.

Let any of us should be tempted to grow conceited about men's progress, however, it is always good medicine to spend a few hours reading the thoughts of some men who lived 2,000 years ago and more.

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Sharp pliers may make Teeth for a rake; And the keen blade th' arch enemy of life.

Its primitive employment, and forsake The ramps steep And trenches deep.

Now all recruits, But those of fruits, Shall be forgot; and th' unarmed soldier

Shall only boast of what he did In chimney's ends Among his friends.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer ENGLISH FARM MATTERS

This will be a continuation of Tuesday's article dealing with certain excerpts from an English periodical called "The Farmers Weekly".

The extent of Government control over the farming industry, as well as all other phases of the national life, is really amazing. Apparently, wherever the farmer turns he is confronted by some restriction or other.

The Labour Government probably thought up most of this restricting legislation, but the present administration is not interfering with it very much.

How any young man can branch out for himself in the green fields of Old England is a mystery, for farm prices are practically at the point of view of anyone in Canada or the United States.

Here are a few examples taken at random from the advertising columns (I have calculated the prices in Canadian terms): (1) 56 acres fruit and mixed farm, \$40,000.

(2) 153 acres in Suffolk with 12 room house, \$40,000. (3) 75 acres fruit and mixed farm, \$25,000.

(4) Dairy farm of 40 acres in Kent. Modern residence, 3 ample buildings. BARGAIN at \$26,000. Quick sale expected.

And so it goes. The ones I have quoted are in the low and medium price class. Many are a great deal higher.

That these prices are regarded as normal, even reasonable, is brought out in space given over to "Farms Wanted".

A man of little and who likes Guernsey wants a minimum of 200 acres in "good heart, the house must be "one of character".

Recognizing the unfortunate fact that not every young fellow just starting out can lay his hands on that kind of money, space is allotted for "Farms to let."

Take them all in all the advertisements in "The Farmers Weekly" provide fascinating reading.

An interesting piece of information in the editorial section is that 500 average farms are lost to Britain yearly through urban development.

Finally, there is a report that there are far too many farms in the country a conference was held at the Ministry of Agriculture in London.

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for J. A. McGuigan, M. Alban Farmer, Gaudet & Haszard, Bell, Mathieson & Foster, J. S. Taylor, Frederic A. Large, Matheson, Peake & Nicholson, J. A. Carruthers, H. R. Doane & Company, and McDonald, Currie & Co.



PEACE PROCLAIMED

The helmet now an hive for bees becomes. And hilts of swords may serve for spiders' looms. Sharp pliers may make Teeth for a rake; And the keen blade th' arch enemy of life.

Advertisement for Great-West Life Assurance Company with illustration of a man pushing a child in a stroller. Text: 'GIVE US A PUSH, DAD! Yes, Dad, and you can give them a real "push" with the Estate Builder...'