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The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink.

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New City Council

The new City Council has gotten away to a good start, with some timely advice from Mayor Stewart and the appointment of a Deputy Mayor...

The City is looking forward to a busy tourist season, and the new committee, working in conjunction with the Travel Bureau...

The finance, streets, public property and police committees are headed by experienced men in the persons of Councillors Johnstone, McCormac, MacDonald and Gormley...

Political Hindrances

It is tragic that good social causes oftentimes have to be hindered by temporary political considerations. Consider, for example, the anti-segregation ruling of the United States Supreme Court...

In the Presidential Election of 1952 the Republicans made a noticeable dent in the traditional Democratic hold on the South. They want to retain this advantage and, if possible, strengthen it next November.

tionists in recent months. he has not taken a firm and uncompromising stand on the issue, contenting himself for the most part with urging goodwill and good intentions on the part of all concerned.

The Democrats, meanwhile, are anxious to recover lost territory. To that end, they are being extremely cautious in anything they say on the subject. Mr. Adlai Stevenson who is seeking the Presidential nomination, and who is, without doubt, wholly dedicated—in his mind—to racial freedom, told a meeting of Negro leaders the other day: "I am in favour of desegregation, but it will have to be brought about gradually..."

After the election, regardless of its outcome, the Negro citizens of the South may expect some measure of fair play from national political leaders in their fight for their constitutional rights. Until then, it seems, they will have to content themselves with harmless and not too subtle platitudes.

Good Soviet Example

According to a press despatch, the land of vodka has opened a drink-more-milk campaign. A Soviet government decree broadcast by Moscow radio has criticized the state planning commission for not realizing the importance of a good supply of milk—"this valuable nourishing product..."

We can learn from the Soviets in many ways, and here is a striking example. What the milk industry needs is a campaign of this kind in Canada, with no totalitarian implications. The significant point, of course, is that the Soviet government isn't doing this to promote milk sales but because it realizes that there is too much money spent in alcoholic drinks and too little advantage being taken of one of nature's most health-giving products.

EDITORIAL NOTES

At a special congressional election in New York State the Democrats retained the seat by a substantial majority. The victory was somewhat tempered by the fact that only about 16% of registered voters took the trouble to cast their ballots.

Senator Inman has been honoured by being asked by the CBC to read the Scripture lesson on the occasion of World Women's Day of Prayer this Thursday. It is interesting, too, to note that Mrs. Inman has been appointed to a place on the Senate Tourist Committee.

As an indication of the way the wind of public opinion in the United States is blowing on the subject of the Arab-Israeli disputes, Mr. Adlai Stevenson, who hopes to be the next President, is calling for military aid to Israel without further delay. Said Mr. Stevenson in a recent address: "The desire to keep the Arabs out of the Soviet camp should not be practised at the expense of a proven friend of the United States and the West, the State of Israel..."

Evidently, British and American boxing experts do not agree too well on judging points. At a recent fight in London the British contender was given the referee's verdict, although the manager of his American opponent figured that his man had won by at least 9 to 1. The defeated man took the decision more philosophically and said that, although he was as surprised as anyone, he would fight again and win. An appeal is being made by the American manager to the British Boxing Board Control.



SENTIMENTS BEHIND THE SCENES

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

NORTHERN LANDS

Sir.—I often wonder why Maritime Members of Parliament do not get together and make demand for our rights in the Northern Lands of Canada, as early partners of Confederation. These lands were considered waste lands many years ago, but have turned out to be of tremendous value. I have on hand copies of claims filed at Ottawa years ago, but never followed up to a conclusion.

The late Sir Robert Borden, when prime minister, and the Maritimes had a right to participate, and the Duncan Royal Commission suggested that the matter should be given consideration. We have heard a great deal in recent weeks of the tax rental agreements with the Federal Government, and it would appear that this might be the opportune time to press for equitable compensation, as it should have a very considerable bearing on tax agreements, if it was fully realized by other provinces that the Maritime partners in Canada, have been deprived of their share of the wealth of these Northern Lands, handed over to Quebec, Ontario, and Western Provinces.

In this regard we should share on a much more favorable basis, and in a less favorable basis as it now appears from recent figures released at Ottawa. The three Maritimes, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, can never hope to attain an economic level with the rest of Canada until this land problem is satisfactorily disposed of, and the Maritimes participate by way of subsidy in an equitable share of profits, as partners of Canada.

When you consider the hundreds of million dollars in unproductive land, the St. Lawrence Waterways and the Gas Pipelines from the West, the Maritimes should surely have the right to have their just claims recognized and adjusted.

All partners of the Confederation Pact are entitled to fair and equitable treatment, as it would now appear the Central and certain Western Provinces are prospering at the expense of the Maritimes. The following statements substantiate this contention. The Hon. George E. Cartier, speaking at the Conference at Halifax in 1864, made the following observation: "On a survey of the whole case I do not think that there is any doubt as to the high advantage that would result from a union of all the colonies provided that terms of union could be found just to all contracting parties, and so framed as to secure harmony in the future administration of affairs..."

Sir Wilfred Laurier in the House of Commons (Hansard 1912, page 5860) said: "Prince Edward Island has not profited by Confederation. For some years past it has been largely losing its population by reason of its connection with Canada and going backwards instead of forward." Hon. Robert L. Borden, speaking in the Opera House in Charlottetown in the year 1911, said: "Prince Edward Island has never been treated fairly by either Conservative or Liberal Governments in the matter of transportation. It is not a matter of cost, but a matter of honor between the Dominion of Canada and Prince Edward Island."

It would seem that this might be an opportunity for the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council to deal with this matter, independent of politics. I am, Sir, etc. J. O. HYNDMAN Charlottetown.

A NEGLECTED ROAD

Sir.—Will you allow me space in your forum to ask this question. Why the Kinkora Road from the village through to Moon's Corner has hardly ever been plowed this winter without a couple of stop overs first? One stop over was at the Church and the other one was at the Maple Plains Road. Now why at the stop overs? Why not plow this road from the village through to Moon's Corner instead of only plowing a part of it? On six different occasions this

WINTER I VISITED KINKORA TO SEE THE HOME FOLKS AND ON THESE SIX OCCASIONS I MET UP WITH THE SAME DIFFICULTY. I NEVER YET REACHED MY HOME BY CAR, BECAUSE THE ROAD WAS ONLY OPEN IN SECTIONS. ON FOUR OCCASIONS I GOT AS FAR AS THE CHURCH THEN WALKED THE REST OF THE WAY BY WADING THROUGH THE SNOW. AND ON THE OTHER OCCASIONS I GOT A LITTLE FURTHER THIS TIME AS FAR AS THE MAPLE PLAINS ROAD THEN THAT WAS IT; BATTLE THROUGH THE SNOW THE REST OF THE WAY AGAIN.

Now there is something wrong some where. I can't say that I blame the operators of the snow-plows as they are working under the officials who are in charge of the snow plows at various places, possibly these are the persons who are to blame for neglecting to open certain roads. Again the Government officials may be to blame for failing to see to it that all roads are plowed instead of plowing the roads to certain places then leaving the rest until the next time the plow comes along. Something will have to be done and done fast. Due to the sleet storm of recent days, I am very doubtful, if sickness should occur, whether medical aid could be obtained.

Now I think that the Government officials should see that the snow plows either open all roads or leave all roads closed. If they have not the equipment let them get it. If there are not enough operators for the snow plows, more can be obtained.

In closing I would like to see fair play at all times and I would also like to see this road open from the village through to Moon's Corner after every storm, for the remaining part of the winter. I am, Sir, etc. DISGUSTED Summerside.

I sing a song, Wild and free, I send my voice Across the sea. I sweep the sky, In an endless arc I sing as gently As a lark. I roar my name In every land, I travel swiftly Through desert sand. This is my song, Restless and wild, I am the wind, The breeze is my child. —Lorna Lawson Summerside.

The Age Old Story

Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

FRENCH FINANCE CHIEF

PARIS (Reuters)—Former Premier Paul Ramadier, a Socialist, Tuesday agreed to serve as finance minister in the Guy Mollet cabinet. He succeeds Robert Lacoste, appointed minister-resident in Algiers.

TO VISIT QUEEN

LONDON (Reuters)—Russian leaders Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev will be received by the Queen at Windsor Castle during their visit to Britain in April, a reliable source said Tuesday.

SNOW PLOW NEEDED

Sir.—We the voters of District 96, would like to know what happened to the snow plough this winter. We have always considered the Irishtown Road, which begins at Kensington and runs northeast to the back or shore road, a distance of about 7 1/2 miles, a public road but this winter, we are convinced this is not so because the last mile and a half has never seen a snow-plough for over a month. Strange as it may seem, there are several farmers living on this section of the road who have to live and move produce as well as those who are lucky enough to live on roads where the ploughs work every day whether those roads need it or not.

At present there are, at least, five or six car loads of potatoes ready to be moved to market; not mentioning the fact we have no communication at all with Kensington and to get a doctor in a hurry would be absolutely impossible. The first 3 1/2 miles from Kensington are kept ploughed. Why do they stop there? They tell us the ploughs aren't big enough for this road. It is hard to accept that as an excuse because they build them bigger and why not get one. They may cost more, but the taxpayers would get more satisfaction than a new highway along the North Shore which would cost a huge amount of money and not over 85 per cent of the rural residents would ever see it. What we would like to know is why the ploughing of the roads is not equalized instead of completely ignoring the lower end of the Irishtown Road. I am, Sir, etc. ANOTHER ANNOYED LIBERAL Brights.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (February 15, 1931)

Captain Errol Boyd, Canadian trans-Atlantic flyer, took off from Washington yesterday in his plane "Columbia," on a flight to Cuba and probably other Latin American countries. A guest on the flight is Lieut. Col. J. S. Jenkins, Charlottetown, who was host to the flyer when he was forced down on Prince Edward Island at the start of his 1930 flight.

Police Chief Moose of Kensington will in future be assisted by Officer Matthews. Besides being a custodian of law and order, Officer Matthews is general factotum for the welfare of the town in fire prevention, maintenance of smooth streets and light and water supply, etc.

Canada is passing through a depression, but it is not from other causes, said the London Daily Express. The dumping of Russian grain and the general international dislocation of trade have exacted their heavy toll.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 15, 1946)

Shipments of table stock potatoes from Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to other provinces, except by permit, will be prohibited on and after February 18. It was announced last night by the Price Board through its regional office. It was explained the move is to ensure a more equitable distribution of potatoes.

During the month of January the Canadian National Railways reported that six hundred and thirty-three carloads of potatoes were exported to the mainland via the Borden ferry. This is an increase of one hundred and thirty-seven cars over the same period last year.

Canadian fisheries experts, seeking to broaden the supply of the Dominion's oyster industry, are studying the possibilities of developing oyster fishing in the Gaspé peninsula. At present, the whole Canadian oyster catch comes from Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and British Columbia.

Irradiated Potatoes

(Saint John Telegraph Journal) Tests now under way, which will extend over the next two years, may have an important effect upon the potato marketing industry. In anticipation of that day, one manufacturer of irradiation by atomic energy upon the storage, appearance, taste and handling qualities.

Already 70,000 pounds of potatoes, 50,000 from the State of Maine and the remainder from Idaho, have been exposed to radiation in the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission's material testing reactor at Arco, Idaho. What happens to them in the next two years will be closely watched by the potato industry of not only the United States but Canada and particularly in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

If the tubers show, as it is expected, a longer life in storage and prove to be free from changes in appearance and taste, buyers will be eager to see the process put into commercial practice. In anticipation of that day, one manufacturer in the United States is developing a portable rig that can irradiate potatoes in the field. The same company is also thinking of other products such as wheat and other grains, fresh fruits, vegetables and meats.

The Atomic Energy Commission has been experimenting with food irradiation for the last five years, chiefly laboratory tests of sterilization by radiation. Such tests have proved that irradiated foods can be eaten with no toxic effects. Shelf life also is extended in the case of potatoes from a few months to well over a year. However, sterilization requires large dosages of radiation which result in chemical changes in taste and appearance.

Two major questions are involved in the potato experiment. First the results to be gained from irradiation of low intensity. The second is the effect of such treatment on handling. That is, will the potatoes bruise more easily after irradiation in the handling, packaging and storage processes? Evidence to date is that they will stand up better, but this has come from the laboratory experiments alone.

Notes By The Way

A suggestion is made that paper money should be printed in different colors—for example \$5 and 10 bills in such heavenly decorative tints that a wife just couldn't bear to spend them.—Edmonton Journal.

Abdullah Al Thani, who is the oil-rich king of Qatar, dropped in to a Paris jeweller and ordered gold and diamond-studded watches for his women folk. The bill came to \$85,000. It wasn't that the watches were individually so expensive, but he has 140 wives.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

He was trying to find a present for his nephew and was examining a toy that the assistant in the shop had handed him. "Isn't this rather complicated for a small child?" he asked doubtfully. The shop assistant replied: "It's an educational toy, sir, designed to adjust a child to live in the world today. Any way he puts it together it is wrong."—London Tatler.

There is one aspect of women's fashions that must be puzzling to the average male, to say nothing of the average female. The puzzler is the rather unusual poses that some of the models take to "best show off" the latest design in morning, afternoon or evening wear. You've all seen them, we're sure. Shave draped with careful abandon, the model assumes a position that gives the impression she is trying to escape a paddle aimed at her posterior. This, plus an expression that seems to say: "You wouldn't dare!" completes the picture.—Sherbrooke Record.

If only we could arrange the amount of snow we get how much better it would be! As it is there never seems quite the correct amount. A maximum of about eight inches would suit almost everybody. The subject cannot be dismissed with the wish that we have no snow at all. In any climate subject to severe frosts a certain amount of snow is valuable. It prevents extreme penetration of frost and it is a great protection to meadows. On the other hand the road authorities save millions in years like this when they can do without much snow plowing and removal.—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

In the Spring there is the smell of wet tar and lilacs that give a sense of well being late in the evening. In Summer there is a special aroma from the river, accompanied by that of newly cut grass that makes a person feel that he is alive; and in the Fall the wafts of chili sauce and smouldering leaves have an atmosphere of their very own. But a clear Winter evening, with the moon on the wane and the snow crunching under foot, has a way of reviving the spirits and make living in this northern climate a rather precious existence.—Brockville Recorder.

Sun Life Of Canada Again Increases Policy Dividends

New Insurance of \$761 million largest amount ever sold by a Canadian company in any year; \$6 1/2 billion now in force; Canadian sales up 24%.

Life insurance totalling more than \$761 millions was purchased from the Sun Life of Canada in 1955, the largest amount ever sold by a Canadian company in one year. Sun Life's 85th Annual Report to Policyholders also discloses that life insurance in force now has passed \$6 1/2 billions, the highest in the history of Canadian life insurance companies.

The Sun Life has announced a further increase in policyholders' dividend scales for 1956 when \$28 millions will be paid, thereby reducing the cost of insurance to policyholders for the 7th successive year. During 1955 the Company paid 136 millions in benefits to policyholders and beneficiaries, a new record. Living policyholders alone received over \$94 millions. Total benefits paid since the Company's first policy was issued in 1871 now exceed three billion dollars.

In writing its record total of new life insurance during 1955, Sun Life exceeded its 1954 total by \$65,000,000. In a year when sales of consumer goods were at an unusually high level and compelling activity with sales of life insurance, the fact that an all-time record for life insurance could be established showed that more and more people realize life insurance protection is essential to family security, according to George W. Bourke, Sun Life President, who reviewed Company results for the 12-month period. The company's Canadian sales of Ordinary Insurance were up 24% and increases were also reported from the United States, Great Britain and other countries where Sun Life transacts business.

HEART AND CIRCULATORY DISEASES LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH

The report contains special reference to the mortality statistics of the Sun Life during 1955. In North America, due partly to the continuing decrease in mortality from infectious diseases, death claims were substantially more for diseases associated with the heart and circulatory system than for all other causes combined. Cancer, which accounted for nearly 20% of death claim payments during the year, placed second.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

Mr. Bourke concluded by saying he had every reason to believe that the high levels attained in the life insurance industry will be exceeded during 1956 and that life insurance ownership will rise to a new peak. In Canada, the nation's prosperity, natural resources and future potentialities are attracting new citizens. This will in turn increase the demand for goods, new housing and services. The need for life insurance will continue to increase.

A copy of the Sun Life 1955 Report, including the President's review of the year, is being sent to each policyholder, or may be obtained from H. Bennett Carr, J. A. Moore, Mrs. Dorothy Rogers, Charlottetown, or R. C. Shea, Kinkora, Representatives.

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