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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew"

"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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Why All The Secrecy?

Because of the keen interest shown by the public in recent months in all matters connected with education and in particular Prince of Wales College, the Legislature appointed a committee of the House to inquire into the matter.

Interest continued after the appointment of the committee and was enhanced, if anything, by the criticisms voiced on the floor of the House, which were of such a nature as to call for an official reply which has so far not been forthcoming.

Yesterday the question was raised in the Legislature as to the authority of the committee to hold its meetings privately and Mr. Speaker read the rule that strangers are permitted to be present during sittings of a committee but that they may be excluded at any time and are to withdraw when the committee is discussing a particular point of order or deliberating on its report.

The authority of the committee to exclude the public from its inquiry, however, is of less importance than the fact that it has done so without any apparent legitimate reason. Set up by the Legislature for the purpose of throwing light on a subject which intimately affects every family on the Island, and about which there has been the liveliest controversy both in the Press and in the House, it surely cannot plead public indifference. It may be that secrecy was considered desirable, but just what purpose it was intended to serve is difficult to understand.

The committee will be well advised if it throws today's meeting, and all subsequent hearings, open to the fullest public scrutiny.

Reserve Armed Forces

The vital importance of the Reserve Armed Forces to the defense of Canada is perhaps not fully realized by our citizens at large. The subject is highlighted in a bulletin published by the Canadian Industrial Preparedness Association, which points out that if this country, or this continent, should again be plunged into a defensive war, speed and mobility will be the assets on which our chances of survival must depend.

Inssofar as the Armed Services are concerned, the prime foundations on which rapid and effective mobilization can be achieved, are the Reserve forces. Without efficiently organized and trained reserves, the active units would have no backing and no pool of trained personnel from which to draw replacements.

requirements, little can be done.

The opinion has often been expressed that a large pool of men and women is available from the ranks of veterans and others who have been released from the Services for one reason or another. Those relying on this source of reserves may fail to realize that equipment and training methods change rapidly under existing conditions of progress and development.

"Co-operation" In Red China

Recent reports from Hong Kong indicate that Red China is making every effort to develop socialized agriculture among the great masses of peasants. The latter are being urged to give up the private, small-scale farming they are used to and are being encouraged to "socialize" by the argument that the remodeling of agriculture to socialism means that they will be remunerated according to labor and not that they will be forced to eat from the same pot.

Propaganda is thorough and intense. Posters, photographs, statistical charts are used to lecture the peasants on how much they can gain under socialism and "how much faster China can industrialize if they sell their grain to the State."

Production co-operatives are being encouraged, not only to use tools, livestock and labor co-operatively, but to pool their land as well. There are said to be about 14,000 producer co-operatives in existence, but the Communist party is reported to have decided last December to expand the total to more than 55,000 this year and to 800,000 by 1957.

Other reports from Hong Kong indicate that food is in considerable shortage, especially in the interior of China. The harvest of 1953 is believed to have been less than that of 1952. Reports suggest that inferior grades of rice are being sold in the country districts and that cooking oil used everywhere is in short supply.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society is holding "bedside" legal aid instruction. At least more than 100 lawyers attended a legal aid "clinic" and propose to make it an annual event.

The Canadian National Railways showed a profit of \$244,017 in 1953, a modest amount indeed in proportion to its scale of operations, but the fact that it makes a profit at all must astonish the older generation.

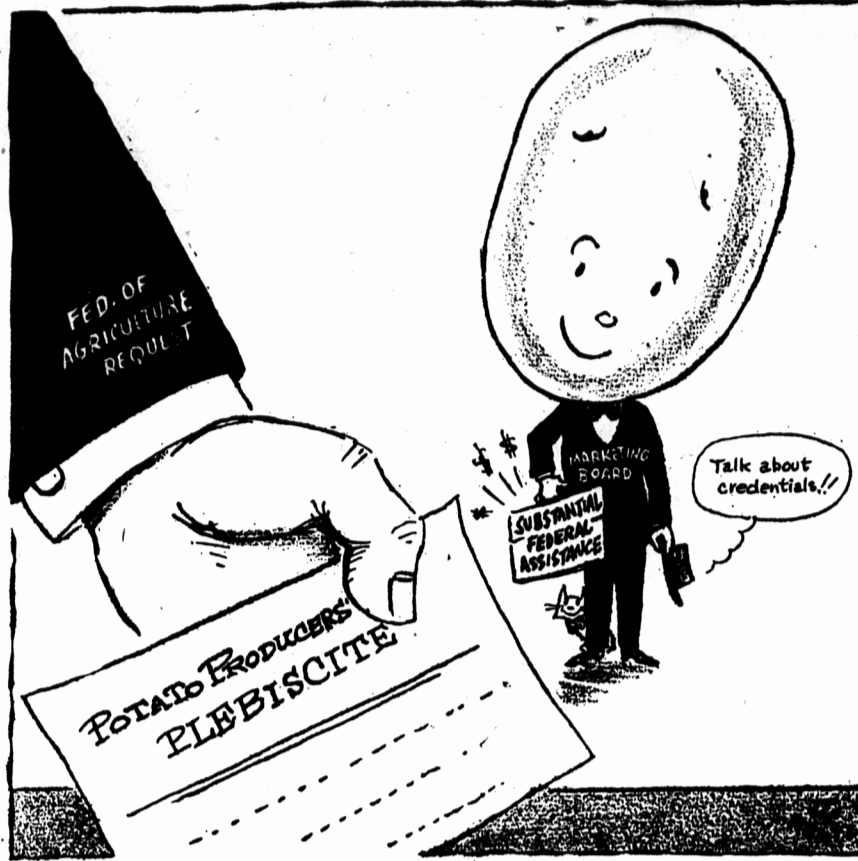
The Government cut off family allowance payments to 7,066 children in the ten months since April 1 because of non-attendance at school. In effect every parent is made truant officer for his or her own family, and loses the job unless results are shown.

Although the assistance proposed by Ottawa and provisionally approved by this Province for granting assistance to the disabled is spoken of as pensions, the essential feature of the plan is the aim of rehabilitation. It would be a very great pity indeed to allow the emphasis to swing towards mere government support.

While the drop in highway fatalities to 13 from 25 in 1952 is gratifying, there is nothing to be complacent about in the fact that there was actually an increase in the number of persons injured on the highway. The R.C.M.P. are to be congratulated on identifying no less than 26 of the 29 hit-and-run drivers. Of all offenders these are the most contemptible.

Bertel Thorwaldsen, Danish sculptor, died this date 1844. Son of a poor wood carver, he studied sculpture at his birthplace and later in Italy, remaining there 23 years. The statue of Byron at Trinity College, Cambridge, is his work, as is the Lion of Lucerne. Examples of his monumental sculpture may be seen in buildings and in churches all over Europe.

Shall We Take Him On Permanently?



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.

LIGHTING FIRES IN COLD ROOMS

Sir—Lord Gray in paying a tribute to his father said, he spent his life in lighting fires in cold rooms. He could not have said a kinder thing about his father. There are many cold rooms in this world that need warming up.

There are many cold rooms in this world. I have heard of churches that are cold, where one may attend for a month and never get a handshake or a word in welcome. A little boy went to a church in another part of the city and when asked why he went there, he replied "because there they are very friendly".

What will keep the home fires burning? It is that old-fashioned grace, love, the mothers and the fathers. I was brought up in a poor home, but there was no place like it because my parents' love was there.

How better can one spend his life than lighting fires in cold rooms? Away from the warmth of the gospel homes are cold. The whole heathen world is cold. One has only to step out of it into a Christian service to feel the warmth of Christian love.

When Jesus came upon His disciples on their way to Emmaus their hearts burned within them. He opened up to them the scriptures. Wherever Jesus comes people are warmed and cheered and life becomes happy.

I am, Sir, etc., W. I. GREEN, Stanley Bridge.

The Poet's Corner

MERLIN O. Merlin in your crystal cave Deep in the diamond of the day, Will there ever be a singer Whose music will smooth away The furrow drawn by Adam's finger Across the meadow and the wave? Or a runner who'll outrun Man's long shadow driving on, Burst through the gates of history, And hang the apple on the tree? Will your sorcery ever show The sleeping bride shut in her bower, And the day wreathed in its mound of snow, And Time locked in his tower? —Edwin Muir.

GREAT PYRAMID The great pyramid of Cheops in Egypt covers an area of more than 12 acres.

Heroes' Disabilities

(Hamilton Spectator) The suggestion by a member of the British House of Commons that Admiral Lord Nelson would not have been admitted as a cadet to the modern Royal Navy because he did not "speak with an Oxford or B. B. C. accent" should be treated as a jest. Modern service life is littered with impediments that Nelson never knew, but this is not one of them. Nelson could not have reached heroic heights in a modern navy, there would have been far too many rules and regulations.

Genius may be adaptable, but it suffers from as many disabilities today as ever it did. General James Wolfe, the victor of Quebec and the hero of many generations of Canadian and British children, would never have been allowed to join a modern army. The ill health from which he suffered would have stopped him before the ink on his attestation papers was dry.

Plural Porridge

(Kingston Whig-Standard) A letter was published recently in The Ottawa Citizen in which the writer, J. J. Garvey, took the newspaper to task gently for using the word porridge "as though it were a singular noun."

But we do not think a time will come when "the stew are ready" will be accepted usage in this country. A stew may become one of the most collective dishes concocted in a kitchen, but we feel safe in predicting it will remain a singular noun.

Old Charlottetown

SETTLERS FROM IRELAND

"The Brig 'Lady Anne', of New-castle, James Sims, master, having on board forty-eight passengers from the County of Monaghan, Ireland, sailed from Belfast on the 15th of May, bound for Wallace, Nova Scotia, where she arrived on the 28th June. The destination of the greater part of the passengers being Prince Edward Island, she was hired by Capt. Sims, for the purpose of conveying them to Charlottetown, where thirty-five of them were landed in good health on Saturday evening. The passengers speak in grateful terms of the kindness and attention they experienced from Capt. Sims during the passage."

—Royal Gazette, July 4, 1837.

The Age Old Story

O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters. Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

Apparently is an alteration of the Biblical word "potage," and the first definition of "porridge" given is "potage or soup made by stewing vegetables, herbs and meat, often thickened with pot barley." This, of course, is nothing but a stew, and it may be that the multiplicity of ingredients led Scottish and British people to regard it as plural. Whether that is so or not, certainly a better case can be made out for making a collective plural out of a stew than making one of a simple bowl of cooked oatmeal.

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TRIESTE IS OBSTACLE

ROME, (AP) — Premier Mario Scelba said Monday that failure to solve the Trieste issue remains an obstacle to Italian participation in western defense. Scelba hinted that favorable action toward a Trieste solution by the west would serve to speed up approval of the European Defence Community.

ANCIENT ISLES

The five largest islands of the Hebrides, off the Scottish coast, have been inhabited since ancient times.

NOTICE

The bounty presently being paid on SKUNKS, FOXES and RACCOON, and due to expire on March 31st, has been extended to May 15, 1954.

The bounty on FOXES and RACCOON has been increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00 each effective this date.

No bounty will be paid after May 15, 1954. Department of Industry & Natural Resources Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, March 23, 1954.

Notes By The Way

A sleeping person is said to move about every 20 minutes. If you snore, move just once — to another room. — Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

If you have a keen sense of humor, persons who amuse you most are those who take themselves seriously. — Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Scottish crofters by Pentland Firth are awaiting the revolution a new electric-producing atom plant will bring to lonely farms. One place where they'll get the right kind of bang out of it. — Hamilton Spectator.

At the present time there are toll roads operating in nine of the United States. There are 900 miles of toll roads in operation; four other projects totalling 1,000 miles are under construction. Another 477 miles have been authorized. — "Road and Wheel."

A small Hamilton firm decided there were too many minor accident in their plant so they appointed a junior executive to head a safety patrol to post safety notices. His first tour of inspection came to an abrupt end when he broke an arm tacking on his first poster. Lacking a step-ladder, he had balanced a nail keg on top of a packing case. — Maclean's.

A state department official was telling a British friend that he had just bought his wife a new snow shovel. "I paid an extra sixty cents to get an aluminum one because it could be lighter for her to handle," the state department man said. "That's the trouble with you Americans," the Englishman said. "You're always coddling your women." — Philadelphia Inquirer.

What is one to call this time of the year, when snow and crocuses, sunshine, sleet, and the thrush's voice come upon one "mixed up like chocolate in a box," as the song used to say? Sprinter perhaps, since this brief period is one which is neither winter nor spring. Not that the name matters; what matters is that these March days are equally compounded of the satisfaction of witnessing winter's retreat and the joy of welcoming the advance of a gentler season. — London Times.

Tinted windshields are a threat to safety in night driving according to a Toronto eye specialist. He said the green-tinted glass slows down vision at night. There seems no reason to doubt it. For drivers who want the coloured cooling benefits of the daytime windshields, he recommended a coloured glass screen that can be shifted out of the way after dark. A sensible suggestion. — Sydney Post-Record.

Too often securing a meal in a restaurant is an exercise in patience on both sides. Nothing sets the operations off on the wrong foot more surely than for the customer to pursue the menu as if he were a lawyer trying to fathom the traps in the fine print under the main type of a contract. If you are sailing in the "Queen Mary" where the bill of fare is a yard long and you have a week to make up your mind there will be some point to heavy deliberations over a choice between Beef Stroganoff and Homard L'Armorcaine. Playing the gourmet in lesser circumstances is cheap showmanship. The place isn't staffed with the prodigality of a government bureau. Other hungry customers are waiting while the ditherer makes up his vacant mind, and no wonder the waitress becomes something less than an amiable blonde. — Brantford Expositor.

EXPORTS SATISFACTORY

EDMONTON, (CP) — Canada's international wheat trade will be smaller this year than in 1953, a Canadian wheat board official said here Saturday. But exports will still be higher than the average of any 10-year period. W. E. Robertson of Winnipeg said that Canadian wheat "is moving into importing countries at what we think is a satisfactory rate."

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., (CP) — Twins Thomas Freure of Wellandport and Samuel Freure of Beamsville Wednesday celebrated their 90th birthday. They were guests of honor when 30 of their 40 descendants occupied one long table at the annual spring turkey supper at Wellandport United Church near here. Both men are in good health.

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