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## Provincial Plowing Match

The Provincial Plowing Match at Dundas has now become a two-day affair, rivalling in interest anything of its kind in the Maritime Provinces. The opening activities take place today, with the championship match being held tomorrow afternoon, entitling the winner to participate in the International contest at Toronto.

While chief interest centres on the various plowing events, there will be other attractive features as well, including cattle and horse shows, Red and White field day, handicrafts exhibit, flower show and baking contests.

Plowing matches were revived at Dundas a few years ago on a modest scale, following the example of earlier times in this Province. They have proved an outstanding success and now hold an honoured place in the calendar of our annual agricultural activities. This year a record crowd is expected to be in attendance, with competition keener than ever and with every indication that the events will be an unqualified success.

## Textbook Uniformity

One of the subjects discussed at the recent conference of Atlantic Premiers and Trade Board representatives at Moncton was the need for greater uniformity in school textbooks. It is encouraging to note from the address by Hon. Mr. Darby, Attorney General at the Charlottetown Rotary Club that this objective is well within the bounds of possibility, and would certainly effect a much appreciated improvement. It is a big expense for parents of large families to keep up with the constant changes in school textbooks. Our own educational authorities, as Mr. Darby notes, are compelled to fall in line even though they may not approve of the changes made.

Apart from the expense involved in unnecessary textbook changes, there is the fact that in such subjects as Canadian history the Maritime Provinces are rarely dealt with in an adequate manner. Little is said about the sacrifices these Provinces were called upon to make under the Confederation setup, about their flourishing status prior to Confederation and the constant drain on their manpower and resources due to the centralization of industry in the larger Provinces, occasioned in the first place by high tariff policies and accentuated by huge wartime production schemes in more recent years.

Many other instances come to mind. In one book published a few years ago, in a chapter purportedly dealing with the history of the Selkirk Settlers, scarcely a passing glance was given to the arrival of the settlers in this Province in 1803, the whole emphasis being placed on the Red River settlement which occurred some years later in Manitoba. This book was prescribed reading matter for young Prince Edward Island pupils. Superficial treatment of this kind has an adverse effect in shaping the minds of the younger generation.

A comprehensive survey of the whole field of textbook publication as affecting the Atlantic Provinces would seem to be called for. The subject is certainly of more than academic interest, though in this field as well it would appear to be badly needed.

## Farm Income

From the sale of their farm products and wheat adjustment certificates during the first quarter of 1953 Canadian farmers received a cash income of $531.1 million, compared with $559.8 million in the first quarter of 1952; a decline of five per cent. Supplementary payments to western farmers under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act totalled $900,000 for the first quarter of 1953. For the same period in 1952 the figure was $1.8 million.

Reviewing the farm cash income the Economic Annalist observes that substantially smaller wheat payments and reduced returns from the sale of potatoes, tobacco and hogs accounted for much of the reduction in cash receipts during the first quarter of this year. These declines more than offset a significant increase in income from the sale of wheat and moderately larger returns from barley, eggs, dairy products, cattle and calves.

Because of the heavy year-end carryover of the record 1952 crops of high quality western wheat and barley, unusually large marketings of these crops occurred during the first quarter of 1953. Receipts from sales of wheat during this period totalled $112.2 million or 36.4 per cent more than for wheat sales during the first quarter of 1952.

The Economic Annalist further comments that as a result of larger marketings and higher prices, income from eggs reached $29.7 million, 23.5 per cent more than for the same period in 1952. Lower prices for dairy products were more than offset by increases in sales; the total income from this source amounted to $72.9 million, an increase of 5.6 per cent from the level for the first quarter of 1952. Larger marketings of cattle and calves more than compensated for marked declines in prices and provided receipts totalling $81.2 million compared with $76.1 million in the first quarter of 1952.

Owing chiefly to the potato price decline, Bureau of Statistics figures for the first six months of the year show an overall cash income drop in all the Provinces except Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. In absolute terms the greatest decline occurred in Quebec while on a percentage basis it took place in Prince Edward Island.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

Harvest moon.

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Autumn began at 4:07 this morning, the sun being over the equator on its apparent southward movement, the autumnal equinox.

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Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express, critical of the appointment of Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit as president of the U. N. General Assembly, says Britain should "pack up and get out" of the United Nations. Such an attitude presents a strange paradox of some nations fighting to get in and others fighting to get out.

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The predicted "near revolution" in transport operation because of the development of a jet hydro ski wing seaplane certainly has distinct possibilities and advantages. It may produce the answer to overcrowded inland airports and lend new significance to our natural harbours. The trend will be well worth following.

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John Morley, first Viscount Morley of Blackburn, English Liberal statesman and man of letters, died this date 1923. In London he edited the "Literary Gazette", "Morning Star", "Fortnightly Review" and "Pall Mall Gazette". He also edited the English Men of Letters series, his own volume on Edmund Burke being the most masterly. He wrote a number of biographies, including a "Life of Gladstone" and was one of the original recipients of the Order of Merit.

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The Canadian Chamber of Commerce Field Service News notes with some concern that membership participation is the key to success and progress in Board and Chamber work. Yet it is also the most pressing problem. While some few (usually the same few) are bustling about looking for more things to do, the majority sit back. Perhaps because they feel that financial support is all that is expected, or all they can give, or because they haven't been sold on the organization, or want to be coaxed. There are undoubtedly other reasons which contribute to an abundance of memberships and a paucity of members.

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A major statement on foreign affairs made by Dr. Malan in Parliament during the month created considerable interest in Britain: headlines in several leading newspapers drew attention particularly to his support of Britain on the Suez issue. The attitude of the outside world to South Africa has undoubtedly improved. This was due to the Government's information service abroad and the recent general election. The election had shown that certain aspects of policy, of which the outside world was so critical, were not, as had previously been supposed, favoured by one Party only.

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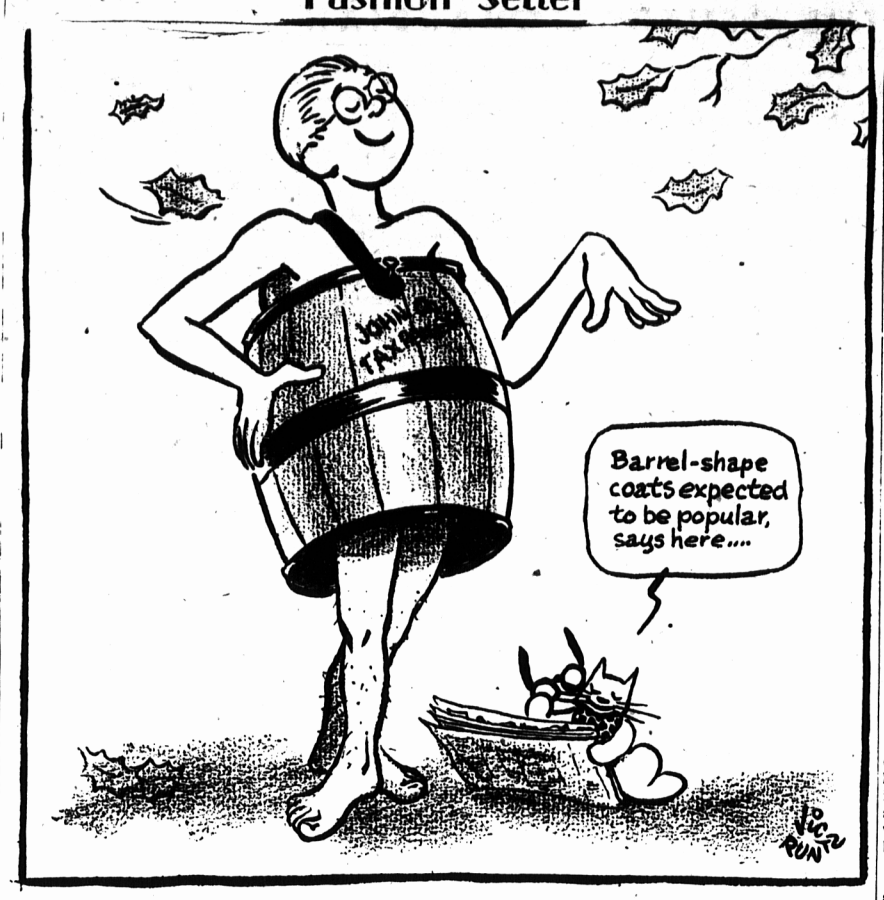
In the Old Country there is a letters-to-the-editor controversy on whether men prefer mail addressed as "Esquire" or just plain "Mister". In England where the "Esquire" form of address is favored a writer has condemned it as "pompous and outdated". A Scot on the other hand has suggested that only university graduates are entitled to be called "Mister" and it is "arrant snobbery to assume the style of Mr. when all one is entitled to is Esquire." The practical defects of being an "esquire", however, were vividly outlined by one writer in the following incident. Thirty years ago he visited a town in Holland, where he arranged to pick up his mail at general delivery. For 10 days he called, but the clerk always said "nothing". Finally he asked whether the letters had been filed under Esq. "Ah," said the clerk. "There is a popular gentleman who never collects his letters. We have hundreds for him."

## Fashion Setter




## 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.**

### WOODSTOCK

Sir,—I was very much interested in an item in a recent issue of your paper having to do with the English village of Woodstock, and their appeal to all Woodstock towns and villages throughout to help them restore the bells in its ancient church tower. My wife and I had the pleasure of visiting this small town or village in May 1952, and have a very vivid recollection of it.

The famous Blenheim Castle is very near. You leave the bus at Woodstock village, and make your way on foot. Before entering the Castle grounds you wipe your feet on a treated mat so that no foot and mouth germs will be carried inside to the large herds of cattle on the Estate. There is a stone wall, six miles long about the Estate. This castle is the birthplace of the present Prime Minister of Great Britain. We had the privilege of seeing the very room where he was born, and also saw a lock of his hair cut, as the guide said "when he had more hair than he has now." Leaving the Castle we came again to Woodstock and walk about the village until our double-decker bus arrives to take us back to Oxford, about eight miles away.

I sincerely hope our Island village of Woodstock will respond to the appeal of the good folk of this nice English town, and I would be glad to add a bit to the Island Woodstock fund if the one in charge would send me a card.

I am Sir, etc.

BRENT WOOD

Crapaud.

## Maritime Co-operation

(Montreal Star)

Every few years efficiency expert pops up with the bright idea of uniting the three Maritime, or four Atlantic provinces. He does this because he considers it expensive and inefficient to have in this compact and relatively small area four premiers and four governments, four provincial treasuries, four attorneys-general; four indeed of everything where one, he thinks, would do. The proposal is greeted with a flurry of headlines. Then the headlines die down, nothing more is heard of the notion, and the four stubborn Atlantic provinces resume their wonted ways.

It may well be true that some economies would be effected by an Atlantic provincial union. In more than one way strict principles of efficiency could bring about somewhat reduced budgets in the four provinces concerned, none of which is wealth. But Maritime or Atlantic union remains a theory which never even reaches the blue-print stage. Far too much history separates these four provinces, all of them proud of their ancient British colonial heritage.

The wonder is not that they do not unite. The real marvel is that all entered the Canadian Confederation, and readers of Donald Creighton's extraordanary biography of Sir John A. Macdonald will agree that it was (as Wellington said of Waterloo) "a close-run thing." Confederation very nearly never came off. The two Canadas were for it. It was in the Maritimes that the real difficulties lay.

All of which is preliminary to the fact that Moncton was the scene last week of a much more modest and more effective conference. Three provincial premiers and the representative of a fourth met there to discuss the realities not of union but of co-operation. They think they might work out, for instance, a common highway code, a common promotion of the tourist industry, unified educational standards and perhaps a program of joint industrial development. This looks more like the real thing, for there are genuine, if limited, fields in which a common or joint approach can yield rich fruit.

Outsiders will stand on the sidelines and cheer the conference on its way, at the same time remembering that they are themselves not included. Those who sit around the table at Moncton are men whose parents talked easily of their visits to Upper and Lower Canada as if it were a foreign journey of some difficulty during which they might expect to have trouble understanding the natives they found there. There exists still a fierce instinct of Maritime pride which other Canadians would do well to respect.

## The Poet's Corner

### FROM THE CELESTIAL SURGEON

If I have faltered more or less
In my great task of happiness;
If I have moved among my race
And shown no glorious morning face;
If beams from happy human eyes
Have moved me not; if morning skies,
Books, and my food, and summer rain
Knocked on my sullen heart in vain:—
Lord, Thy most pointed pleasure take
And stab my spirit broad awake.

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

## Bats In Demand

(London Observer)

One would have thought that in these troubled times the more resistant to atomic radiation one was the better. It hasn't worked out like that for the bats of the United States. Because their resistance is (they tell me) 300 times greater than the resistnace of rats, they are in brisk demand for the laboratories of the Atomic Energy Commission, a bat on (so to speak) the hoof being worth 35 cents in the open market.

As if that was not enough, many of the caves in which they congregate have been acquired by banks and business houses as deep shelters in which to store archives and other impedimenta if the worst comes to the worst. I would have supposed that in so spacious a country there were enough caves to provide both funk-holes for bankers and dormitories for bats; but the American Society of Mammalogists, who have reason to suppose otherwise, view the clash of interest with concern.

## Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

### A LONG RACE

"Last week we recorded the arrival of the brig 'Fanny' Capt. Murchison, at this port. The 'Fanny' left on Wednesday last, and on the evening of the same day, the 'Servian', another square-rigged brig, of which Capt. MacDonald is master, came into port and has been compelled to lie here the whole week, because of northerly winds.

"It appears that these two vessels have, during the past year and a half, been running one long race — and until one of the brigs leaves her present employ and goes into some other trade, it is probable that they will continue to chase each other in this persistent way. Up to their arrival in this port we are told that they are about ties, and no matter in which direction the rival vessels were destined to sail, the distance has been computed, and the records compared when they again met, only to show that neither had the advantage. The first officer of the 'Servian' is Mr. Charles E. McArthur, who was chief navigator, in former years, on board the Cuban man-of-war 'Virginius.' The 'Servian' and the 'Fanny' are owned by Messrs. Welsh and Owen, of Charlottetown."

—Port Hawkesbury Beacon, Oct. 23, 1879.

## The Age Old Story

**Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house), and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.**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AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE


## Notes By The Way

**Many a person follows the line of least consistence** — Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

**Nature is wonderful! A number** of years ago she didn't know we were going to wear spectacles, yet look at the way she placed our ears. — Galt Reporter.

**Increase in Monastic communities** over the past decade, The London Times reports, is in marked contrast to that in earlier years. Monastic guest houses are filled with young men, from widely differing income groups, who seek spiritual values and some of them subsequently embrace the monastic life. There are several factors contributing to this latest resurgence, high among them a post-war reaction against the prevailing spirit of materialism and futility.—Vancouver News Herald.

**President Eisenhower read in a** Denver Sunday paper that a little boy of six was dying of cancer, without being aware of his condition. His only desire, the paper said, was to see the president. So, after church, Eisenhower slipped away from the army of reporters and press photographers. He went unannounced to the boy's home, and said "Hello, there" to the little fellow, and took him on his lap for five minutes. No reporter covered the visit. There were no klieg lights or cameras. It was the impulsive act of a good American, a father himself and a grandfather who knows the heart of a boy.—Detroit Free Press.

**With more and more aircraft** aloft, people may be excused if they wonder sometimes whether traffic squads will soon be summoned to control congestion in the clouds, like policemen do at busy city intersections. Actually, there is already a good deal of air traffic control. Rare are incidents such as the one over Michigan City, Indiana, recently in which two American airline passenger planes brushed each other at 11,000 feet. Air collisions are rarer still and when they do occur, they can usually be attributed to necessarily hazardous military maneuvres.—Ottawa Citizen.

**Although it may sometimes seem** almost trite to read anybody a lesson in safety precautions during the hunting season, the two tragic accidents at Iroquois and Arnprior which cost a pair of 17-year-old youths their lives underline the fact that carelessness still reaps its toll among hunters. In both these cases, a loaded gun, tripped accidentally, meant death for a young hunter. The first safety rule to remember and repeat is that a hunter must keep his shotgun or rifle unloaded unless actually hunting. During the hunting period itself, he should keep his safety catch on when moving through the bush or in the case of double-barrelled guns, keep them "broken". — Ottawa Evening Citizen.

**The First Waves (women's naval** auxiliary members) to volunteer for sea duty are helping to undermine a naval tradition and to establish one for their own corps. The navy has, to be sure, set rather stringent limits to sea service for the Waves. Only hospital corpsmen are selected, and they are restricted to transport ships—operated by the merchant marine, although navy-owned. For some time, of course, navy nurses have been aboard such vessels, as well as on the regular hospital ships of the navy.—New York Herald and Tribune.

**The effect of alcohol on driving** will be probed by representatives of more than 20 countries—from South Korea to Argentina—when the Second International Conference on Alcohol and Road Traffic meets in Toronto today. Purpose of the conference is to study the effects of alcohol on road traffic and to determine what can be done through scientific investigation, education, legislation of alcohol among drivers. Taking part in the four-day conferences will be more than 200 scientists, doctors, lawyers, safety experts and law enforcement officials from every part of the world. The first conference was held in Sweden in 1950.—Vancouver News Herald.

**The age of the jet-propelled** airliner is not quite here yet but it is closer than many people realize and a great deal closer than American airline officials and aircraft manufacturers would wish. BOAC is operating its De Havilland Comets on a number of routes and claims to be making money with them; British European Airways is converting most of its operations to the propeller-jet Viscount, (the type which TCA has on order for use in Canada) and says that these machines make a clear profit of more than $100 for every flying hour.—Calgary Herald.

**It is understandable that the** Canadian Chamber of Commerce should interest itself in the moving of the National Film Board to Montreal. Two Ottawa members have resolutions which will invite the Chamber to express its dissatisfaction at the decentralizing of Federal affairs. But it appears that these members will also seek to excite the Chamber of Commerce at the Film Board's interference in private enterprise and they will "submit that there should be no collusion between the Film Board and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. There is always a danger of individuals socialistically-inclined putting out ideas not in the public interest" says one of these Ottawa delegates. The Journal parts company with its Chamber of Commerce friends right there. The National Film Board and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation do first-class jobs in their own line and "collusion" between them, far from being harmful, seems simple common sense. — Ottawa Journal.

The Persian gulf, covering 75,000 square miles, has an average depth of 25 fathoms.


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