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We Are Enthusiastic

The Provincial Department of Agriculture has been doing excellent work in promoting interest in the care and cultivation of our Island woodlands.

The booklet was written in order to fill a long-felt want for a guide to the subject dealt with. The descriptions are in non-technical language and are supplemented by line drawings of the leaves, twigs and seeds or fruit of each species of tree or shrub...

It will be difficult for anyone to pick up this attractive brochure and not read it through with interest, enjoyment and profit. Arrangements are being made by the Department to have it distributed to every school in the Province...

(Since writing the above comments we have dipped into the booklet again. Usually this practice results in diminishing our enthusiasm for a work under review; but in this case the result has been quite the reverse.)

Finance Minister Fleming told

reporters in Paris, after he had discussed economic matters with the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, that Canada is "concerned and deeply interested" in what happens in the dispute over trade barriers between the 6-nation Common Market and the remaining eleven countries of Western Europe.

The Canadian Government's "concern" in European trade negotiations is reasonable enough; for, of course, whichever way the negotiations end, Canada's export trade is bound to be affected one way or the other.

that neither the Common Market, which goes into effect Jan 1, nor the proposed free trade organization, is intended to benefit North American exports. It is purely an arrangement to make Western Europe more economically independent than it has been hitherto.

The Canadian Government missed a fine opportunity to expand its export trade with Britain and Western Europe when it turned down, seemingly without giving it the slightest consideration, Britain's offer of free trade a year or so ago.

In any event, it is unreasonable for the Canadian Government to expect Britain and Western Europe to liberalize their trade policies respecting imports from this country, unless we are prepared to do something substantial in return.

Farm Credit

One of the problems which we trust will be dealt with when the Legislature meets is the pressing matter of farm credit. Most provinces have schemes of this kind in effect, and in none is the need greater than in Prince Edward Island.

Last month the Manitoba Legislature enacted the new farm credit legislation which indicates the confidence felt in the scheme as a remedial measure. The new law puts no limit on the total amount which may be lent, but more than \$25,000 is to be loaned to any one applicant.

In this Province a beginning might be made on a less ambitious scale. The thing is to get started. Opposition members in the House have frequently urged such a measure, so there is no question as to the support it would receive from that quarter.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is not considered good form these days to refer to the Commonwealth as the "British" Commonwealth. It is presumed that the Asiatic members don't like it.

New grade standards for potatoes grown in Ontario have been announced, the idea being to provide more uniformity in size and quality and to permit more attractive packaging.



SATURATION POINT

Communes & Communism

By David Rowntree Canadian Press Staff Writer

The architects of Communist China's great social revolution—the division of the population into communes — are being forced to delay extension of the scheme to large cities.

The commune system means the end of private ownership. In the country, land, farm tools and livestock become the property of the peasantry.

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The American State Department has summed up well what President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles have been saying in reply to the statements of Soviet Premier Khrushchev and the Tass news agency about Berlin.

It is true that there is "a note of menace" both in the Tass statement about tanks and in Mr. Khrushchev's telegraphic interview with a Munich newspaper.

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giving the land back to the state but there is no opposition to outsiders can do that. Some observers report that in the years that small farmers owned their farms, they were better off than ever before and indications are that they are faring no worse under the commune system.

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It would then be up to the Kremlin to decide whether it would regard defence of those rights as an invasion of East Germany. Moves would many diplomatic means undoubtedly be made.

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Eyes Provide Own Defenses

By Herms - N. Bensen, M. D. YOU MAY be one of the bravest persons on this earth but, technically, you find yourself self-defenceless.

Each time the lids snap shut, a thin cleansing fluid is spread over the eye. Not only does this keep the eye clean, but also the moistening process prevents friction between the eyes and the lids.

When you are out in cold weather or in a strong wind your eyes will tear excessively. In this instance, it is done automatically to provide enough warm moisture for the outer eye.

All of us blink, of course, generally between three and six times every minute. Each time the lids snap shut, a thin cleansing fluid is spread over the eye.

And then, too, the eyes occupy a recessed position in the head. This offers considerable protection.

Yet, despite all that nature does to safeguard your eyes, sometimes they are assaulted by foreign dirt, a piece of iron or anything else, it might cause severe inflammation, pain and possibly permanent damage.

Answer: It is usually considered inadvisable to vaccinate a child suffering from eczema unless he has been exposed to smallpox.

The Age Old Story

The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Dec. 20, 1933)

At the annual meeting of the Labourers' Protective Union held December 17th, the following officers were elected for 1934: Joseph Purcell, President; James Thistle, Financial Secretary; Thomas Bell, Recording Secretary; James Burns, Treasurer; Angus McCormack, Guardian; Dennis MacKenzie, Guide; Lemuel Rush, Albert Ryan, Frank Doyle, trustees.

TEN YEARS AGO

The new plan of the Department of Highways and Public Works which will be stationed in O'Leary for the winter has arrived. It is completely modern in all respects and should be efficient in keeping the roads open this winter.

Women occupy an influential position, though wives are bought and polygamy is practiced to the extent men can afford it. Rank is passed on through the maternal line. A few women have become chiefs.

In family matters, the maternal uncle outranks the father. Except for the eldest daughter, the bride payment—often considerable livestock—goes to the girl's uncle or mother. In turn, the uncle is expected to aid his nephews with their bride purchases.

The Guajiros have an ancient custom of secluding girls at the age of puberty. During the Blancoe, which may last from several weeks to two years, the girls learn to weave and keep house. Sheltered from the high winds and burning sun of their homeland, they also gain the admired paleness that attracts husbands.

Each child has its own board their cattle, depending from meat on goats, sheep, and pigs. Small game, wild seeds, and the pulp and fruit of thorny plants supplement the diet.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A whole generation of long-tailed cats is in for a new experience, now that the rocking chair is making a comeback—Stratford Beacon-Herald

Canadian women, food companies have found, are willing to pay a substantial premium for the four hours a day of freedom from the kitchen. This is one department where the do-it-yourself craze has gone into reverse—Winnipeg Tribune

A specialist of Harley street has joined one of Paris and another of Ottawa in declaring that potatoes are not fattening and are a top essential in any diet—and we can almost hear the cheers from Maritime potato-growers, 900 miles away—Ottawa Journal

Paris police have announced in the municipal bulletin the rewards to be paid the rescuers of people who fall into the Seine River. If you save them merely by offering your hand, a rope or the end of a stick, you will get \$5.25. If you use a boat, you will receive \$12.50. If you have to swim, the reward rises to \$20, and to \$25 if you have to use special heroism—Paris L'Aurora

We were all in favor of statehood for Alaska, and contributed a little something to the climate of opinion therefor, and were happy that it was achieved, but if severe cold spells for Wisconsin in November and early December are to be the sort of thanks we get, we're almost sorry about the whole thing—Milwaukee Journal

Can you imagine a land in which juvenile delinquency is unknown, where women stay home and look after their children instead of working and where no driving licences are issued to anyone under 19. Where is this favored land? Utopia? No. It's Pakistan, one of whose police chiefs—for reasons we cannot understand—has come to Canada to study with the RCMP. It would seem we have something to learn from the Pakistani, not they from us—London Free Press

MAXIMS

A free life is the only life worthy of a human being. What which is not free is not responsible, and that which is not responsible, is not moral. In other words, freedom is the condition of morality.

A decision to purchase the necessary equipment to furnish the manual training class at the Summerside High School was taken at the regular meeting of the Summerside Y's Men's Club last evening. It is expected that the cost of this equipment will be in the vicinity of \$350.00.

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CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN To The Drivers: TRAFFIC MESSAGE To The Parents: Extra caution is necessary NOW! Be on the lookout for your children. At this time of the year special hazards present themselves. Advise your child to be careful. C. W. MacARTHUR, Chief of Police.

Not being able to envision future styles, mothers are disappointed as to where to vacate their daughters. —Brandon Sun

A young woman of the town was at an Eastern Ontario banquet and late, to find the doors of her room frozen. With rare presence of mind, she took the handle of the printed program of the banquet set it alight and held it under a door handle until the ice melted. Then, no orphan of the storm, she went merrily on her way while strong men looked helpless and tried to get messages on the phone.—Ottawa Journal

Trade News, published by the department of fisheries at Ottawa, carries a little bit of information that somehow escaped your attention. It reports on a giant lobster caught near Campbell, in New Brunswick. The lobster measured 45 inches and weighed 37 pounds. It measured 21 inches around the body and its claw length was 17 inches. In 1951, a 21-inch, 23-pound lobster was caught in the Bay of Fundy and in 1953 a 23-inch, 26-pound lobster was caught in Yarmouth County.—Sudbury Star

She can't be swamped, remembering the rules. And she won't panic, fighting back close-hauled. This is her lake. She knows a like the gulls, And welcomes gust to keep her mainsail filled. The wind that rakes her, poms tail to sandal, Will not be more than she was taught to handle. —Betty Bridgman in the Christian Science Monitor

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