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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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The Enigma Of The Third Man

In Washington next Tuesday two men will take part in official ceremonies marking the end of twenty years of Democratic rule and the advent to power of the Republican Party.

There are those who profess to attach the utmost importance to the political change in the climate of Washington, and to regard the events of Tuesday next in party terms.

As the head of state of the strongest nation in the free world alliance confronting the Kremlin, it is inevitable that international affairs should have a prior claim on President Eisenhower's efforts.

What hopes does the free world cherish in its relations with the Eisenhower administration? Britain, it is clear, is concerned with trade problems and the improvement of her economic situation.

For Canadians, however, the enigma of the third man, the presence of Winston Churchill, elder statesman of the English-speaking world, in pre-inauguration conclave with President-elect Eisenhower, is the best assurance that the fulfilment of the noble aspirations of a true Atlantic Community lies closer over the horizon than ever before.

U.S. Dairy Import Curbs

Action of the United States' Government on Dec. 30 in imposing import quotas on dried whole milk, dried buttermilk and dried cream will result in renewed representations to the United States' Government from the Canadian Government that such restrictions are in contravention of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

At Geneva and at Torquay the U. S. made tariff concessions on products affected by the restrictions. It had agreed that the concessions would be binding until Jan. 1, 1954.

It would, however, be most difficult for Canada to take any retaliatory action which would hurt the United States dairy industry, argues the Winnipeg Free Press.

The Canadian Government's view appears to be one of regret and disappointment that the United States' Government has allowed additional import restrictions to be imposed. It is concerned over the principle involved and intends to press this point home when the new Eisenhower Administration takes office at Washington.

present Truman Administration while thoroughly condemning the law has had little luck in persuading Congress to repeal the measure.

Short On Classrooms

The problem of sufficient classrooms and teachers to instruct and educate the young is not peculiar to Prince Edward Island or even Canada. In the United States the classroom shortage has assumed the proportions of a crisis.

"The trend in Canada in recent years," notes the Moncton Transcript, "has been to build beautiful and costly school buildings in certain centres, but neglect the more important matter of providing trained teachers to take charge of the new classrooms.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Summerside expects to establish a community planning organization this week. One important advance in community planning is already promised.

A coast-to-coast trucking service has commenced, carrying fresh lobsters in its first cargo. It will be interesting to see how the new enterprise makes out.

Straight from the horse's mouth, or at any rate from the experts who have rolled back the sea from a flat stoneless country, is the object of Deputy Public Works and Highways Minister Gordon White.

Wilson Carlisle, founder of the Church Army, was born this date 1847. A businessman, traveller and musician, he was influenced by the Moody and Sankey mission and was ordained in the Church of England.

Prince Edward Islanders have long condemned operation of the Government car ferries by the Canadian National Railways, advocating rather that it be assumed by the Department of Transport.

Those who still think that air travel is exclusive will be disillusioned by the results of a recent survey conducted by British Overseas Airways Corporation. Every third "passenger" carried by BOAC, it appears, is a four-legged animal, a bird, a fish, or a reptile.

Needed: An Alternate Direction



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.

FARM POPULATION

Sir—I was impressed with the following striking fact brought forward in the closing lines of your editorial entitled "Fortunate Island Farmers":

It is rather difficult for this average Canadian to get all the social and economic—not to mention the political—consequences likely to flow from the above "flight from the farms".

Only the other day a panel of experts surveying this same problem in the United States, pointed out that their rural-urban ratio in that country, of 16-84 per cent—i.e., "actual farm population"—may continue to decline to the point of 10-90 per cent within the present century; but they were careful to add the interesting caveat that "notwithstanding this echoing effect of our increasing technology, agriculture would remain quite as basic in those days as in these."

I think this latter is a point which tends to be forgotten by our town and city brethren, somewhat glamorized by their own enthusiasm for chemurgic-substitute synthetic achievements. In Canada, if I remember correctly, the weighted influence of Agriculture in the nation's economy is reckoned as being "about three times that of its United States equivalent."

Square Dancing

It comes as a mild surprise to find that in England there is a London Square Dancing Association (founded in 1950) which for an annual fee of little more than a pound gives free lectures on square dancing by "world famous American, Canadian and Australian callers" and sends its members a quarterly bulletin on square dance activities everywhere.

Square Dancing at Sight is a new handbook of the association written by the founder, Nina Wilde, who says in the introduction that the book is essential for those intending to take the Blue Star examination for callers that the association holds twice yearly.

Vanishing Caribou

(Winnipeg Tribune) Although the Western provinces and the North West Territories now prohibit the hunting of Barrenland caribou for sport, many Northerners are convinced that the vast herds that roamed the Northland at the turn of the century have been so seriously depleted during the last two or three decades that if even more drastic measures are not taken for its protection the animal will soon be extinct.

Dr. Banfield spent three years on the job and has turned in his report. It has done nothing to allay fears. He says the caribou population has declined 62 per cent in 50 years; that every year 168,000 of the animals are killed or die—thousands more than are being bred.

This proposal, if put into effect, might possibly do some good, but the fact is that the animals do not need protection in their present breeding grounds. The slaughter occurs during the treks to and from the winter feeding grounds. It is during these migrations that they need protection.

It would look like good business for Ottawa to provide some protection by employing guardians who could use airplanes along the migration routes. If something of this kind is not done it will soon be necessary to feed and clothe the natives at the expense of the public or else move them to new and far-off hunting grounds if there are any left.

those avaricious old country people who say our Canadian and American square dances are just old English or Scottish jigs or rounds gone bad.

Square dancing has had a nice revival in Ottawa and we wouldn't be surprised if Lord Alexander has had something to do with its revival in London.

The Poet's Corner

DAWN ON THE HEADLAND

Dawn — and a magical stillness; on earth, quiescence profound; On the waters a vast content, as of hunger appeased and stayed;

Old Charlottetown

"Some idea of the difficulty of running trains regularly at present on the P. E. I. Railway may be formed from the fact that it took the services of four engines, two snowplows and the labour of 250 men nearly twelve hours to open the road between Charlottetown and Summerside yesterday.

The Age-Old Story

I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. . . They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; to make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

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Notes By The Way

A New Yorker advocates jukeboxes with a blank disc so those who wish silence can buy five minutes of it by dropping a coin in the blank. That's the best idea thus far in 1953. — Windsor Star.

At Terrace Bay, east of Fort William, the townspeople are gaining an international reputation because they experience so few accidents in their business of producing pulp. The answer is to be found in their constant thinking of safety. All are joined in a community effort to keep accidents away. — Port William Times-Journal.

Too many people think that poets write a difficult language to baffle their readers. This is not so. Great poets write as simply as they can, while still saying precisely what they want to say.

If anyone looks back upon his own life, he may often find that too much activity can end in little action. It is often good to stand aside, to give up the struggle for a little while, to look out upon the great world and to realize one's place in the whole.

Finland has two eminent songwriters, the one most celebrated for his gift to all mankind, the other for his services to his own people. Sibelius the composer, is 85. President J. K. Paasikivi is 80. Sibelius, living in honored retirement, needs no eulogy; his music is his eternal monument.

When the BBC recently produced a television play called "The Eye of a Gypsy," a horse was an integral part of the production and duly appeared in the studio. But did the BBC use the horse when the sound of hoofbeats was needed? It did not, for the simple reason that the horse could not always be moved exactly to cue, nor could it gallop about in the studio, large though some of them are.

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