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Fine Island Showing

It was in Prince Edward Island that the seed potato industry originated, and the lead taken by Island potato growers at the Atlantic Winter Fair at Halifax this week is proof that he hasn't been marking time since that big first leap was taken.

The fact that Island growers dominated the entry list was a tribute to their initiative. And, of course, the capture of the grand championship and tablestock championship spoke eloquently for itself.

Island livestock exhibitors also got off to a good start, with several champions and top placings on the opening days of the fair. The livestock entries include 600 dairy and beef cattle from the Maritimes and Ontario, more than 200 horses from the Atlantic area and the State of Maine, and over 250 sheep and swine from all regions.

The competition is therefore keen, and the show rings are attracting visitors from all parts of the continent.

This week marks the debut for the Atlantic Winter Fair—actually the reconstituted Maritime Winter Fair of yesteryear—and it must have been pleasing to our provincial agriculture minister, Hon. Mr. MacRae, to note the manner in which our island exhibitors are holding their own, and living up to the reputation won on so many previous occasions at Amherst.

It is expected that this inaugural fair for the four Atlantic Provinces will attract more than 100,000 persons. In addition to livestock and agricultural products, it includes an extensive array of varied industrial and artistic exhibits.

There is also a unique exhibit which doubtless is attracting much interest—a 27-foot space capsule and escape tower loaned by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the United States. By way of contrast, there are open-penning contests which have brought a large number of entries, and for which a handsome international championship stake is offered.

It is indeed a well launched enterprise, and one that deserves to meet with marked success. We can all be proud of the contribution our Island exhibitors are making to it, in the classes which can be said to constitute its basic features.

Leadership Question

One would imagine that the opponents of Mr. Diefenbaker within the Conservative Party would welcome the prospect of a leadership showdown when the national association of the party meets next February. That is what they've been wanting all along, isn't it? But somehow there seems to be a notable lack of enthusiasm among them.

The fact that Mr. Diefenbaker was indeed elected by an executive committee of the organization two weeks ago hasn't made the prospect any more enticing.

Judging from newspaper reaction, there is a widespread feeling that the annual meeting, when it is held, will put its seal of approval on the present leader, and that if a convention is called, he will again be the accepted choice. This despite the attempt to label him as a "renegade" and the anxiety on the part of some elements of the party, largely representing finance and business, to see a change.

In the opinion of Arthur R. Ford, editor emeritus of the London Free Press, there are two chief reasons why Mr. Diefenbaker will likely be endorsed by the rank and file of the party. A great majority of the pres-

ent Conservative members of the House of Commons, he notes, were his loyal supporters when the cabinet took endeavored to oust him. They still look to him as leader, and will loyally support him at any convention. Practically all of its cabinet ministers (Mr. Harkness is a notable exception) who rebelled have been defeated or have left politics.

In the second place, argues Mr. Ford, there is no one immediately in sight to take his place. Hon. George Nowlan may have the qualifications, but he has had several harsh attacks and is now living on borrowed time. If Hon. David Fulton had remained in Ottawa, he would have been the logical choice, but he returned to British Columbia, challenged the powerful Social Credit Party and was defeated.

Hon. Donald Fleming has retired from politics, and Hon. George Hees committed political hara-kiri. Premier John Roberts is positively not interested at the present time in federal politics. Premier Robert Stanfield and Premier Duff Roblin might be persuaded to turn to Ottawa, but neither of them would consider the post if it meant a contest against Mr. Diefenbaker, and then only reluctantly if Mr. Diefenbaker voluntarily retired.

It is very evident that Mr. Diefenbaker has no intention of retiring unless forced out. Politics and Parliament are his life. He is a student and admirer of Sir John A. Macdonald, the founder of the party, and he recalls that Sir John A. met with a worse disaster than he did in 1873 and five years later made a triumphant return. Mr. Diefenbaker is confident that he can make a comeback, even if his most loyal lieutenants have doubts. Certainly his power on the stump cannot be ignored or overlooked.

Mr. Hyndman's Passing

Before his retirement as manager of the Charlottetown branch, Royal Bank of Canada, in 1939, the late Mr. A.W. Hyndman, OBE, had been engaged in banking activities for 43 years, 28 of them in a managerial capacity. He came of a family long associated with the public and business life of the Province, and he exemplified in his own career the highest traditions of his calling.

Mr. Hyndman had also a rare capacity for making friends, and for holding their affection and esteem. His kindness and courtesy were proverbial, and he took a keen interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the community. Never given to parading his religious convictions, he was nevertheless devoutly conscious of his duties as a Christian; and one cannot comment on his passing, even briefly, without recalling his long and fruitful connection with St. James Kirk, of which, in 25 years, he was senior Elder.

In extending sympathy to Mrs. Hyndman and family, The Guardian wishes also to express its own sense of loss at the death of an old and very dear friend.

Cheaper Next Christmas

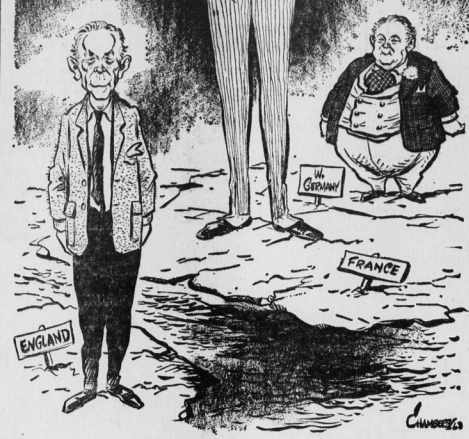
According to the Toy Manufacturers of the United States, there will be more new toys designed especially for girls next Christmas, and more new military toys. The large and terrifying toys that were big sellers in 1962 will be largely absent this year, and good reason. For this means that the toys will be in less-expensive versions.

Many manufacturers, according to this organization, are making smaller models of toys that were on the market last year. Assembly cost remains the same, but the cost of materials goes down with smaller items, and the buyer will get the advantage.

The serious side of the toy business is big. Last year the volume was \$2 billion in the U.S. This year, a 7 to 10 per cent rise is expected. We may expect an increase in Canada, too; which should be notice to all parents, friends and relatives to start their toy shopping early.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Lord Home simply Sir Alec Douglas-Home became by renouncing his titles, but there are some unresolved side complications. As one commentator points out, there are losses of privilege as well. As a peer, for example, Lord Home had the right to be hanged by a silken cord! Now it would be a common rope!



NATIONAL ECONOMIC IMAGES

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Durable Premiers And Their Records

When Sir Anthony Eden was a Prime Minister of Britain, he told me in an over-enthusiastic at Government House here that the strain of high political office nowadays must limit its duration. No man, he felt, could hold down the office of Prime Minister nor indeed one of the top portfolios in the cabinet, for more than five years without seriously impairing his health.

comes Newfoundland's Joey Smallwood, who is in his 15th year in office as premier. He is the first premier of that province since Newfoundland entered Confederation, so must he be a record for it.

been turned out of office by Canadian voters. He is now premier of Saskatchewan's most durable provincial premier. He held that office for 17 years and 5 months, up to November 1951 when he resigned to re-enter the federal fold.

More than five years without seriously impairing his health. Will we ever again see one who held the position of Prime Minister of Canada for as long as Mackenzie King? It seems a very unlikely thing in this age of office turnover. The average length of 23 years in that office will ever be broken. Perhaps he would never have been able to achieve that record in an unbroken stretch — he suffered two interruptions. One was an insignificantly short and very turbulent period when Arthur Meighen replaced him in 1926, but then he enjoyed the tranquillity of being leader of the opposition during the five years of the R.B. Bennett regime.

British Columbia's Hon. W.A.C. Bennett is our third senior provincial premier. He is now in his 12th year in office, and there seems to be no reason why he should not hold it off until 1968, when he will surpass the present B.C. record of 12 years and 6 months held by Hon. R. McBride, who was premier from 1920 to 1935.

The average tenure of the premiership has been 4 years in Quebec, P.E.I. and New Brunswick; 5 years in Ontario and Nova Scotia; 6 years in Manitoba and Saskatchewan; 7 years in Alberta, and a scant 3 years in British Columbia.

But while Arthur Meighen held the office of Prime Minister for less than a year, he was a man standing for a three-year term at present, apparently in recognition of the mental and physical burden imposed by the responsibilities of high office today.

Scientists are urging that the neutron-activation analysis system be used widely by crime detectors. A single piece of hair clutched in the hand of a murdered Canadian girl was put to rest and led directly to the murderer. The process, a nuclear age discovery, can even determine whether a bit of opium came from China or Mexico or wherever.

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So Eric Was Poisoned

When King Eric XIV of Sweden died in 1592 there was suspicion that someone had done him in. Eric had a deep dislike of the nobility. He made a practice of imprisoning most nobles and murdering them, either personally or by order. Eric was in prison himself when he died suddenly on a cold February night.

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Contact Activity Normal In Boys

By Dr. Theodore R. VanDylen Several months ago I was sitting on my porch watching two 7-year-olds wrestling on the grass. The boy on the bottom was yelling blood murder and a middle-aged man in a suit along and inched over the child on top. Both boys got up and looked at each other. The boy on top said, "I'm a lady. They walked away and I overheard one say, 'What a girl who has been wrestling with a boy later, the little wrestlers were at it again.'

The desire for contact activities is normal and necessary for most healthy boys. They all go through this stage of behavior development and we cannot forbid these games without depriving them of a priceless experience. Injuries occur occasionally, but in general, the danger is exaggerated, provided the children are of the same age and sex. Such activities are a good part of the organized sports of later years.

It is a mistake to continue to encourage contact sports in high school and college. It is debatable whether contact sports athletics has a place in our educational system not only to build up the body but the mind as well. I'll agree for school, particularly high schools do not stress two or three sports and downgrade tennis, golf, wrestling, swimming, soccer, etc. Football and other sports and gymnastics.

Too many football, basketball, and baseball players become weak and unfit after graduating from college because they cannot carry on the same level. The exceptions are men who become professional athletes. They are concentrated on the so-called minor sports, especially golf, tennis and swimming. They have something they can enjoy for life.

Young contact sports such as football and boxing frequently are criticized because they are potentially dangerous. Injuries are minimized when the athlete is in good condition, wears the proper gear, and the need to win is de-emphasized to such an extent that the boy will not be reckless or competitive.

COUGH DROP MARGIN

B.B. writes: What is the cause and what is the treatment of marginal ulcer?

This is the lesion that in a young adult after part of the stomach has been removed because of an intractable peptic ulcer. The ulcer may form at any time—even up to 30 years after surgery—along the line where the stomach was connected to the intestine. These lesions heal slowly and are treated like other ulcers.

DOWN ON THE FARM

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Authorities agree that mental activity does not lessen as we age. It's just that by the time we learn the answers they're changed. The questions, however, we learn.

A swilled head never really hurt anyone — it's the shrubbery that's painful. — Hamilton Spectator.

Italian film maker has pulled into the problem of the color of water. The man has solved the problem, but he will doubtless accept the Highland conviction that Gaelic was the language of the garden of Eden. — Ottawa Journal.

In South Viet Nam

By Harold Morison Canadian Press Staff Writer

For an administration which claims it was bloody Saigon surprised by the Ho Chi Minh line, the United States has displayed rather quick admiration for the North in control of South Viet Nam.

Vietnamese people suddenly flowered into greatness through the magic wand of U.S. financial and military power.

The word freely circulated in official Washington quarters is that the government in South Viet Nam soon will be fully reformed and the war against the Communists pursued with more vigor.

French President de Gaulle has suggested the only final solution for North and South Viet Nam is some form of neutralization. In effect, President Kennedy has answered him by saying there will be no neutralization, no withdrawal of American influence.

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Now there appears to be a plenty of leadership material in sight, both military and civilian, and in the American view it is just a matter of time before South Viet Nam will be more united than ever; a freer, more contented people, more united with greater vigor to hunt down the Viet Cong and thereby keep Viet Nam safe as a crucial military area for the West.

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Got Support

The most surprising element in this reasoning, however, is that the Ngo brothers survived simply because the U.S. has them with weapons and funds and when it became evident that the Viet Cong was withdrawing, the regime collapsed.

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