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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Mr. Churchill's Reminder

Princess Elizabeth's glowing tributes to Canada, paid at the "welcome home" banquet tendered her in the Guildhall, London, were supplemented by Prime Minister Churchill in equally warm and appreciative terms.

It is worth noting that a few days previously Mr. Churchill gave the Canadian Government its cue to take the initiative in encouraging a greater volume of British immigration to this country.

Canada, inhabited by only 14 million people and with its great resources awaiting development, could absorb much of Britain's surplus population and relieve the "crowding in our small island" that worries Mr. Churchill.

The interests of all the English-speaking peoples, inside the Commonwealth and out of it, are now so closely allied that they are almost identical.

Repeal Needed

They do things differently in Yonkers, New York, and when police decided to strike against refusal of a pay increase they just worked harder than ever.

The point is that in Yonkers as in all too many places there are so many laws and regulations that it is a rare citizen indeed who goes for long without violating some of them.

It is the habit of legislators to deal with every problem that comes up by passing a law about it.

Trace Elements

The vital importance of the many elements which are found in minute quantities in the soil has been strikingly demonstrated in New Zealand.

The increase in pasture growth was in some cases as much as one hundred per cent. The average increase for all plots was 30 per cent from the first cut, 50 per cent from the second and 100 per cent from the third.

We cannot expect, of course, to make a practice of taking three crops a year. Nor is it likely that the same deficiency exists in our own soil.

sent in insufficient quantities or in a form in which they are not readily available to plants.

Soil analysis requires a high degree of accuracy on the part of the laboratory technician and care in selecting representative samples.

The farmer's fertilizer dollar will go further when he knows by scientific tests exactly what he wants to apply to his land.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Armistice by Christmas is not a very bright prospect at the moment.

At this year's improved prices and relative scarcity of potatoes, farmers are actually doing what should be done every year—picking over their potatoes in storage one by one.

Canada has adopted the British Centurian tank chiefly because it is "available" but apart from that its 20-pounder gun makes it formidable compared, say, with the 2-pounders and 4-pounders with which Auchinleck and Rommel fought in 1941.

Those official changes in the local Government departments might indicate there soon will be a change at the head.

Sir Thomas Gresham, English merchant, banker, goldsmith and ambassador, died this date 1579. His advice to Elizabeth to replace the debased coinage was on the theory referred to by later economists as "Gresham's Law."

While this Province is experimenting with simply-built trench silos, the Experimental Farm at Ottawa has developed a de luxe model of steel coated with glass.

The idea of a floor-scrubbing machine in a British ship profoundly shocks the Montreal Star which, of course, invokes the shades of Nelson.

The Department of National Revenue is understandably pleased at keeping the average cost of collection since 1917 at the gratifyingly low 1.28 per cent of the total of \$15,642,519,495.

If there be not a Federal general election in June, it is not likely there will be one till next year.

If department store advertising officials stick to present plans, a determined effort will be made to make this Christmas the "best ever," says Mr. Howard P. Abrahams, sales promotion manager, the National Retail Dry Goods Association.

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Table with 3 columns: Year, 1950, 1951. Rows for January through December showing tax amounts.

Thoughts On The Approach Of Winter



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.

SOME BALKAN HISTORY

Sir,—In your issue of November 6th you give a report of an address to the Rotarians by Mr. D. L. D. Rozman and quote him as saying: "Toward the end of the 19th Century the Serbs regained their freedom with the help of Russia and in 1912 they fell so strong, that with the help of Bulgaria, Montenegro and Rumania, they declared war on Turkey."

The war against Turkey in 1912 was waged by Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece and Montenegro. Montenegro fired the first shot on the 5th October 1912 and was followed by the other three Balkan allies.

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Notes From Another Island

By "Anson"

LONDON, England:—

Soon after the results of last month's general election showed that Winston Churchill was to be at the head of our affairs, one of our national newspapers drew a comparison between the present day and 1940, when for the first time in his career Churchill became Prime Minister.

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Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

ALBERTON COURT HOUSE

Alberton Pioneer, March 7, 1978

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Lessons From Europe In Community Progress

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MARITIME FISHERY PROSPECTS

There is a hopeful future for the fish industry on the Island and in the Maritimes. There are new markets opening up all over the United States, especially in the mid-west.

At present there are 44 fish canning plants operating on the Island. These small plants have insufficient volume to warrant the purchase and use of modern machinery and most of the by-products are wasted.

Cannot the Island people re-organize the processing and marketing phase of their fishing industry, soon? If the people do not take action there is a danger that the job of re-organization and investment will be done by outside capital, leaving Island plants—both cooperative and private—to languish and die without control of our promising Island fishing industry.

At the present time the tonnage of fish landed on the Island may not be enough to make it profitable to utilize all the by-products; thus there is the need for more fishing draggers to increase the volume and thereby also make it possible for fish by-products to be processed profitably.

In recent weeks a new dragger development in the Souris area has produced amazing results. According to unofficial reports "more than five hundred thousand pounds of haddock and eighty thousand pounds of flounders were landed by two small draggers in four weeks. This is estimated to be more than the sum total of all the haddock caught off Island shores in the past quarter of a century."

Our eastern Canadian fisheries are definitely in need of research and it appears that centralized marketing for the four Provinces is one way by which money can be made available for this work.

Home Industry And Imports

It is upsetting to find that Prince Edward Island imports most of the canned foods that could be processed locally. About 99% of all canned peas, beans, carrots, tomatoes and other vegetables sold in the Province are imported.

With no modern processing plants, there is little encouragement for farmers to produce these products in commercial quantities. Several years ago some of the large companies from central Canada looked over the possibilities of setting-up canning plants here but did not proceed with the venture because of poor transportation and lack of electric power.

Under the prevailing system, the Board of Trade is supposed to persuade big companies to "come in and establish factories." One did come—the cucumber plant which is a good example of the system. The farmers were not paid a price sufficient to encourage quantity production, and the cucumber crop now grown is shipped over the long freight haul to Ontario, processed there by companies financed at least in part by Maritime capital loaned by our big insurance companies and banks.

Perhaps these cucumbers are even processed to a large extent by Maritime labor, who spend the money in Central Canada; taxes are paid to the Ontario Government, and the Island cucumbers that are finally shipped back again are sold to local consumers at 11 to 12 times the price our farmers here were paid for them.

Another example of our present system could be cited: there is a small packing plant on the Island that imports chicken and beef from Alberta, pays the meat here both ways, cans the meat here and ships a great percentage of it back as far as Calgary for consumption. Then the farmer is blamed for the high price of food. Development of new industries locally would doubtless help our overall economic situation. Some wholesalers believe we could operate a chocolate and candy factory here; in fact, there was once such a factory in Charlottetown, and it operated very successfully for a number of years until it fell into the hands of inefficient management. We also had a broom factory operating until it met with the same fate. Why could we not start these going again under capable management?

Are there not possibilities in many other fields if they were approached from the Maritime point of view? There would appear to be unlimited possibilities for a Maritime furniture plant in Nova Scotia using native skill and home grown lumber. Such industries would help employ and train more of our young people at home and increase Maritime consumption of all products. With the great developments in air transportation, Prince Edward Island may soon be in the "center" of the Maritimes instead of always being on the "outside".

Conditions are changing rapidly; are we going to be prepared to change with them? If the people of the Maritime Provinces do not wake up to their rights and to the possibilities of keeping pace with the tremendous developments in other parts of Canada, and if our Maritime people do not soon learn and agree to work as a unit—then our chances of greater prosperity at home will be doomed.

A "Maritime Approach" is necessary to solve many of the Maritimes' problems, and in most cases it would be to the advantage of all concerned if Newfoundland were included in this unit. History and experience have proven that a provincial approach—rather than a Maritime approach—produces little more than talk; what is worse, the local rather than the regional approach only adds to the already massive provincial burdens. Can Provincial Governments and organizations bury their past differences and prejudices now and work together as one unit on many of these economic problems?

Recommended Reading

- "Annual Reports of the Dominion Department of Agriculture." "Handbooks of Agricultural Statistics," Dominion Bureau of Statistics. "Interim Report of the Prince Edward Island Advisory Reconstruction Committee." Lattimer, Dr. J. E. "Economic Survey of Prince Edward Island." Howard, Sir Albert: Agricultural Testament.

(To be continued)

The Age-Old Story

Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my laws. . . . My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

YARMOUTH, England —(CP)—Total catch of herrings at British ports this year was raised to 20,000,000, with a local catch of more than 1,000,000.

Refrigeration

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ELECTRICAL

APPLIANCE

Repairs

Palmer Electric

PHONE 1444

The Poet's Corner

YOUTH AND AGE

Dewdrops are the gems of morning. But the tears of mournful eve! Where no hope is, life's a warning. That only serves to make us grieve. When we are old! That only serves to make us grieve. With oft and tedious taking-leave. Like some poor nish-related guest That may not rudely be dismissed. Yet hath outstay'd his welcome while, And tells the jest without the smile.

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

numbers of our citizens will require some persuasion to believe it is there at all. Once they are convinced—and that is the kind of job that Winston Churchill can do if anybody can—the battle will be half won.

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