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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Agricultural Short Courses

One of the most widespread of errors is the strange notion that although other professions or occupations require education and training, "anyone can run a farm."

Much of the knowledge he requires can be gained by actual experience on the farm, and in fact can only be properly gained in that way.

Our Blood Banks

Of the Red Cross Society's budget, 43 per cent will go towards the free blood transfusion services in British Columbia, Alberta, the Northwest and Yukon territories, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, and portions of New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario.

Horizontal Increases

The pros and cons of the principle of horizontal or uniform increases in freight rates are now being aired before the Royal Commission on Transportation.

This question is of immediate importance because since March, 1948, the Board of Transport Commissioners has authorized cumulative increases of 40 per cent.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Winnipeg Free Press recalls, in this connection, that the Cabinet, in April 1948, had directed the Board to make a thorough investigation of the general rates structure of the country.

In point of fact, very little of this investigation has been carried out yet by the Board. It has been kept busy with other matters. What it has done is to make studies of bills of lading supplied by the railways.

commodity rates, competitive rates, etc. In the meantime, the railways state that they will "implement the authorized increases to the full except on competitive rates," which is tantamount to saying that so far as they are concerned, the Provinces not enjoying competitive rates (such as P. E. I. of course) will continue to be discriminated against to the fullest extent.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Only ten more days to go if Island railway equipment is to be dieselized by Spring.

The Legislature is making good progress, and at the present rate should be able to dispense with evening sessions.

Mr. MacLure is as diligent as ever in pressing the Government for information relative to our Provincial affairs.

The "draggers" which have been under discussion recently are more generally known as trawlers. If they are to become a part of our fishing facilities it might be just as well to call them that from the start.

Education Minister Large has pointed out the need for an expanded physical fitness programme in the schools to improve the health of the population of tomorrow.

Laurence Binyon, English poet, born this date 1869; he won the Newdigate prize at Oxford in 1890; became assistant keeper of the British Museum; published numerous volumes of verse which have had a large circulation. His best known poem is "For The Fallen."

The C. N. R. is not only as good as its word—but sometimes better. In addition to restoring the usual railway service with the conclusion of the coal strike, it has facilitated the shipment of potatoes south through Halifax, and providing the necessary reefer cars for the purpose.

Someone with presumably very little else to do has calculated that there are 169,518,829,100,544,000,000,000,000 ways to play the first ten moves on each side in a game of chess.

The Government icebreaker N. B. McLean is reported to be "battling some of the toughest ice conditions in river history" to open up the St. Lawrence. Montreal shipping interests will probably be having the Government try to keep the river open for navigation all the year around to avoid having ships diverted to Maritime ports.

All should now be set for preparations for the tourist traffic which promises to be a boom this year according to Brigadier Reid's annual report of the Tourist Bureau. He strongly recommends the inspection of accommodation, both sleeping and eating, which after all is the be-all and end-all of a successful tourist industry.

We have a letter from an Islander in British Columbia who wants to know what is being done in connection with the Provincial Museum. His queries include: "Where is the Museum likely to be built, Charlottetown or elsewhere? Of what construction, fireproof or otherwise? Is it to be built by the P. E. I. Government, or whom? Who is likely to be the curator, etc." We pass this on to the Government for favour of reply.

Six years ago, in March 1944, Canadian troops fighting with the British 8th Army in Italy helped clear, with a few exceptions, all German troops out of the town of Cassino. The exceptions were isolated enemy pockets on the outskirts of the town and a handful of troops strongly entrenched atop Mount Cassino. The town fell about six weeks later during the "big push" in May after being softened by an Allied bombardment ever concentrated on a single target.

Egg prices on March 3 this year and previous years. The prices quoted below are for Grade A Large. At Montreal and Toronto the prices are those at which graded shipments are selling to wholesalers. At other points quotations are prices to shippers for ungraded eggs.

Table with 4 columns: Location, 1950, 1949, 1948. Rows include Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Charlottetown.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Editor does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERANS

Sir,—In your picture of the South African veterans published in the Saturday Guardian of Feb. 25th, I would like to advise you that my brother, H. V. MacKinnon, is No. 6 and not No. 4. Sorry I cannot tell you who No. 4 is but I am sure there are lots of people still living in Charlottetown who would know.

To enjoy the Saturday Guardian very much, and pass it on to other Islanders living down here; and needless to say we were very much interested in the South African write-up.

I am, Sir, etc. (Mrs.) A. D. WRIGHT. 22 N. Atlantic Ave. Daytona Beach, Florida.

THE ASSOCIATION'S STAND

Sir,—It has been brought to my attention, that following the announcement of my connection with the recently formed Potato and Turnip Marketing Association there was some doubt in the minds of the public as to the stand of the P. E. I. Potato Growers Association with relation to the current question affecting Island producers, namely, the formation of Marketing Boards.

In view of the above it is desired to clarify our position.

Firstly, the above mentioned Association was formed with the expressed purpose of improving marketing technique, etc., for the general good of the industry.

Secondly, with regard to the formation of Marketing Boards, the P. E. I. Potato Growers Association in annual session on March 2, 1950, gave unanimous endorsement to the principle of producer controlled Marketing Boards, and we are acting accordingly and have already submitted this resolution to the P. E. I. Minister of Agriculture.

In conclusion therefore it shall be our policy to co-operate with any Association which may be of assistance to the industry provided that their policies do not conflict with the clearly stated directive as given us by our growers.

I am, Sir, etc. E. D. REID, Manager. P. E. I. Potato Growers' Ass'n.

SCOUT CAMPAIGN RESPONSE

Sir,—I would like to take this opportunity through your paper of thanking the many friends of the Boy Scout movement in the City of Charlottetown for their splendid response to the recent appeal for funds to assist the expansion of Scouting and Cubbing in this Province. Unlike some campaigns of a similar nature, every penny contributed in this campaign will be spent here on Prince Edward Island and to every contributor and worker I would like, on behalf of the Provincial Boy Scouts Association, to say "many thanks."

To The Charlottetown Guardian, R. T. Holman Limited, Prowse Bros., Limited, Moore and McLeod Limited, and DeBols Bros., the Association would like to tender a special "thank you" for their exceptionally large contributions without which it would have been very difficult for us to have made our objective. The splendid support given by these public-spirited firms is an incentive for us all to do everything possible to carry on the fine work of Scouting in the Province.

Once again, to these firms and all other firms and citizens who contributed to Scouting we wish to extend our sincere appreciation at this time. Thanking you, Sir, for your valuable space and all your co-operation in promoting Scouting and Cubbing.

I am, Sir, etc. W. W. REID, President. P.E.I. Boy Scouts Association.

POSTAL CHESS TROPHY

Sir,—No one knows with certainty who invented the difficult, though fascinating game of chess, but it has been played, without change of rules, in every civilized country for hundreds of years.

Chess is played over the board and also by correspondence. It may interest readers to know that some enthusiasts in Charlottetown have for years been playing postal chess with opponents in other countries, and this in this way made lasting friendships.

Recently keen interest in this game has developed in Charlottetown particularly at the Y.M.C.A. To stimulate even greater enthusiasm Mr. R. E. Mutch, a veteran player, has donated a beautiful trophy for competition annually.

This trophy is in the form of a plaque which will be hung in the lobby of the Y.M.C.A. The plaque will be engraved annually with the name of the winner who will be presented with a miniature trophy emblematic of his championship.

When the Massey Commission met in Quebec in January, the Chess Federation of Canada presented a brief in which they made some sweeping statements. Referring to postal chess they predicted, among other things, that increased interest in the playing of this game might even end the cold war.

Trouble Ahead—And Behind



Doing Well For Scotland

(U.K. Information Bureau)

The English weekly newspaper "The Recorder" commenting on Mr. Donald Gordon's appointment as chairman and president of Canadian National Railways says:

"Thirty-five years ago, a dark-haired youngster was called to the head's room at Holborn Street School, Aberdeen. A rare summons, unless it meant a caning.

But there was a kind enquiry only: "I hear you are leaving us my boy. Where are you going?"

"To Canada, sir," was the reply. "Then work hard and make your mark. Do as well for yourself and Scotland, young Donald Gordon as your namesake, Donald Smith, Baron Strathcona" (Strathcona, organizer of the Canadian Pacific).

At the age of 13, Donald was the first to earn money when the family arrived in Canada — \$16 a week in a box-factory.

There was another short job as a news-boy, until the tram company refused to transport his bundles free of charge, and then came the beginning of a banking career, with a clerkship and night classes leading to an early secretaryship of the Bank of Canada.

Came 1939, and bigger appointments for Gordon. The foreign exchange control was organized by him, and, by midsummer 1941, the total price freeze. That was well accepted as a most precarious venture, so risky indeed, that his little boy was going to bed, praying: "And God bless Daddy's price ceiling."

But the pathway to fame and fortune was never easy. A tireless worker, with a powerful physique, it was said of him that but for his extraordinary capacity for relaxation, he would have been dead long ago.

Several other top jobs had been offered to him within the last 12 months. He eventually decided for the C.N.R. job—said: "I'm going to love it, and I hope its going to love me."

It is a trophy which should stimulate great interest and enthusiasm in this fascinating game.

The Mutch trophy is at present on display in the window of Messrs. Henderson & Oudmore.

I am, Sir, etc. EDWIN C. JOHNSTONE, BAT MEMORIES

Sir,—I was deeply interested in Dr. Shaw's recent talk to the children on "Bats". In the Tropics bats are very numerous. I have noticed that in the country they are fond of going to church.

The buildings are usually wooden structures open to the top and I have seen as many as twenty-five hanging by the heels in a line from the rafters from one end of the church roof to the other, sound asleep. They come in by the gable window. I have often thought how human-like they are.

They never hear a word the minister says; but thanks be, they don't snore! At night they never attend for they are out minding their own business, hunting those vermin that destroy the crops.

Bats are also fond of the ladies, perhaps, of men too, but I don't know a case. I attended a meeting of missionaries one day and there was the principal of our Girls' Training College with a swelled, red nose. I said, "You've been drinking." Oh that putting her hand up. A vampire did that. I awoke with my nose against the mosquito netting. (Many people in the Tropics protect their beds from mosquitoes by netting hung over the bed from the four high posts and tucked under the mattress). Another case. A lady visitor was staying with us in our cottage "down the Islands", and in the morning the foot of her bed had pools of blood. A vampire had sucked itself full from her big toe and left the blood running.

Bats strongly object to examination. I caught one once to see what it was like. Oh boy! I have been stung by scorpions, several times, but a bat bite is much more to be remembered. Those two front teeth, like needles, went through the end of my finger and made me hop. Bat memories long remain.

I am, Sir, etc. W. I. GREEN, Murray Harbour.

Notes By The Way

It's possible that we have gone soft. It's not impossible that a turn at the spade or hickaw, or both, would do some of us a lot of good. It's likely that, what with the five-day week and other amenities of modern life, we don't work as much as we used to, or as much as our ancestors did.

But why drag the cold shower into it? That is a modern invention, something our ancestors never suffered voluntarily. The hardest spirits of the past never thought of such a thing. Genghis Khan never took one. Nor did William the Conqueror, or stout Cortez, or Christopher Columbus.

The pioneers and coureurs de bois who helped make Canada what it is did nicely without benefit of a cold douche, and they were not soft.—Trail Times.

The phrase is a most powerful part of any language. Properly used, it is terse and descriptive. A fine phrase can serve a purpose better than a prolonged paragraph. It is impossible to be a great orator or a fine writer without the gift of phrase-making.

Browsing through an English newspaper, we came upon an advertisement which offered for sale a village inn, with an historic background and well-filled cellar. Attached to it are 13 1/2 acres of land "in good heart."

"In good heart" isn't a phrase one would think of applying to soil. But what a wealth of meaning it contains! An immediately visualizes rich, dark soil, strengthened rather than depleted by centuries of tillage. It is not merely nature may be placed on it.

It should be remembered that it was one of Hitler's earliest ideas to eliminate the incurables, the physically unfit and the mentally retarded. This ended in the extermination of at least 6,000,000 people in the incinerators of concentration camps—people who were called unfit or unsuitable because of their religious convictions.

Earlier in his address Dr. Kershman noted that "there has been more progress made in the treatment of disease during the last 20 years than in the previous 2,000 years."

"If we can preserve ourselves from atomic bombs, we have good reason for unlimited optimism about the future of medical care," he said.

The development and use of the sulfa drugs, of the antibiotics such as penicillin and streptomycin and, lately, of the hormones such as ACTH, bear out this fact, he added. While there has been no specific remedy for multiple sclerosis and allied diseases, in light of the recent past "it is not difficult to imagine that there soon may be help available," Dr. Kershman said.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Grid of professional advertisements including: Bell & Matheson (Barristers, Solicitors), Dr. A. L. MacIsaac (Dentist), Frederic A. Large, K.C. (Barrister, Solicitor), J. S. Taylor (Optometrist), John P. Nicholson, LL.B. (Barrister, Solicitor), Matheson & Peake (Barristers, Solicitors), Joseph R. MacMillan, LL.B. (Barrister, Solicitor), MacPhee & Trainer (Barristers, Solicitors), Dr. W. R. Carson (Chiropractor), H. R. Doane & Co. (Chartered Accountants), Neil W. Higgins (Chartered Accountant).

The Age-Old Story

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