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A Humanitarian Proposal

One fact, among many speculations, that has emerged from the recent governmental changes in Soviet Russia is that there is a serious food shortage due to the failure of agricultural policies.

American opponents of the proposal argue that the more unrest that can be built up among the Russian masses the more hope there will be for scattered uprisings that might in course of time develop into full-scale assault on the Communist dictatorship.

The Senate

The old controversy about the need versus the superfluity of the Upper House in our Federal political structure appears to be giving way to another: whether or not Senators should be retired at age 75.

At the moment it would appear that our taxpayers are more concerned with the method of appointing Senators than with any plan for retiring them.

There seems to be no valid reason why an appointed Senate should not have a continuing and useful place in our system of Government; but a long political tradition, as it is appreciated by the

party in power, is regarded as the sine qua non of membership therein, the institution will remain under popular suspicion; and nothing that may be proposed concerning retirement of individuals will create any sympathetic public interest.

Call Of The North

In an address to a Canadian business organization in London, England, Lord Tweedsmuir, son of a former and highly honoured Governor-General of Canada, had something to say about the need for pioneering in Canada's 20th century trend towards urbanization.

Certainly, as Lord Tweedsmuir inferred, it was the pioneering and adventurous spirit of men of other years—in many cases accompanied by their wives and children—who started this country on the road to its present position of importance among the nations.

A great domain in the vast reaches of Canada's Northland is being laid out with care; and no one now living can say what its destiny will be in terms of national wealth and its contribution to the security and well-being of this continent.

EDITORIAL NOTES

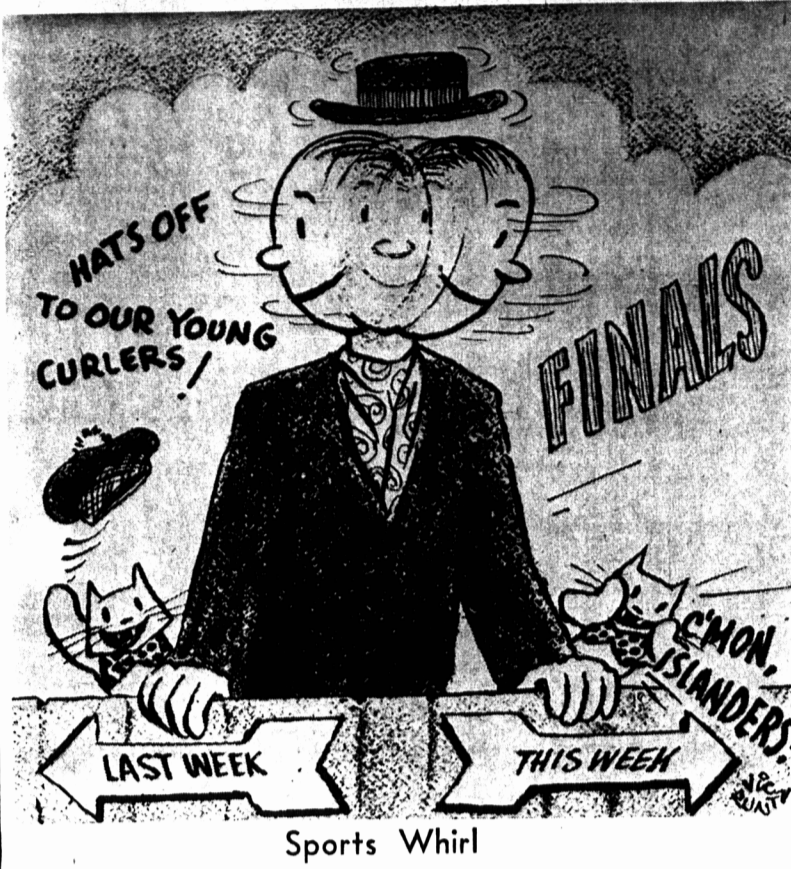
Relief of Ladysmith this date 1900.

Prince Edward Island paid \$3,028,174 in income taxes and other levies to the Federal Government during the last fiscal year, as against \$3,305,279 the previous year, and \$2,812,260 for the year 1951-52.

Canadian Boy Scout headquarters have announced a new high level in membership, 6,974 Scout units across Canada boast 174,686 members.

Altogether a total of 5,818 graduate nurses have left Canada for the United States since the war. By years the numbers were as follows:—1946, 246; 1947, 429; 1948, 779; 1949, 792; 1950, 822; 1951, 739; 1952, 956; 1953, 1055.

The Bank of Canada has reduced, from 2 per cent to 1½ per cent, the rate of interest at which it stands willing to lend to the chartered banks.



Sports Whirl

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of current events of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the views of contributors.

THE FARMER'S PROSPECTS

Sir,—We have it from good authority that the land is the foundation of the family and that the family is the foundation of the state; the roots of the nation are deep in the soil and sea.

The co-operative use of farm machinery has taught farmers the advantage of working together, the co-operative organizations have taught them the wisdom of buying and selling together.

When we are going to untie the hands of the Potato Marketing Board so we will be able to take advantage of a one selling agency? Nobody likes to be told where he has to sell his produce, but when it means more money in his pocket he doesn't mind.

I am, Sir, etc. ELDON DRUMMOND, Freetown, P.E.I.

Report On Equines

Ottawa Journal

From the Dominion Bureau of Statistics comes the word that Canada's horse population has dropped by about 100,000 in the past year, to fall below the one-million mark.

On the Canadian Prairies the horse has almost followed the buffalo and the antelope into extinction and this is partly true also for the flatlands of some of the other provinces.

The Genesis Of Scouting

Andrew Paterson in the Montreal Gazette

"Major-General R. S. S. Baden Powell, the Defender of Mafeking, has accepted an invitation to inspect the Boys' Brigade in Scotland during April."

This is a note that has appeared in the "Fifty Years Ago" column of Scottish newspapers that has been arriving in Canada during the past week.

At first they went slowly. A number of well-known people were sounded out, and all replied favorably and enthusiastically. B.P. was next encouraged to hold a trial camp to see how the idea would work.

When the town gossip read that a toad can move his tongue at a speed of 180 miles an hour she turned green with envy.

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Medically Speaking

Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. WHAT TO DO IF YOU SHOULD GET SHINGLES Ever since the time of Hippocrates, physicians have wrestled with the problem of herpes zoster—shingles. Well, we haven't licked it yet.

While shingles does not kill and disable, as do some other nerve diseases such as polio, it does produce an unsightly rash, and almost always a great deal of pain. And if it attacks your delicate eye tissue, the scars it might leave can impair your vision.

Related to Chicken Pox The virus which causes shingles is closely related to the one responsible for chicken pox. For three or four days before the rash breaks out, you probably will have chills, a feeling of weakness and maybe a slight fever.

Drugs That Help Some physicians report that aureomycin, if given at the beginning of the disease, will help prevent or modify this lingering after-pain. A new product called Protamide also gives "good to excellent" results in a number of test cases, according to Dr. William Marsh of the National Naval Medical Center.

FROM LAST POEMS On forelands high in heaven, 'Tis many a year gone by, Amidst the fallow fields of earth, Wild stand my friends and I. Before our foolish faces Lay lands we did not see; Our eyes were in the places Where we shall never be.

I see the air brightened And all the dusking glades, And lamps in England lighted, And evening wrecked in Wales; And starry darkness paces The road from sea to sea, And blots the foolish faces Of my poor friends and me.

NOTES BY THE WAY

In Ottawa they are arguing about Eskimos having equality with white men in the purchase of liquor. When the Eskimos were living in their original condition the problems did not arise.

Pondicherry, a small bit of territory on the east coast of the Indian sub-continent, long has been a French colony. It never was of much real value. But it was a symbol of empire, important to the French spirit of a bygone era.

Sir Winston Churchill now is an honorary member of the Sons of the American Revolution, an organization composed of descendants of Americans who won independence from Britain.

Residents of Horseheads, New York, had a first-class mystery on their hands—a grey, cobwebby substance that fell out of the sky and covered a half square mile of residential area.

Don't move the affected part of your body any more than is necessary. Elderly patients should stay home and rest.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

H. H. I have had a perforated ear for years and sometimes have a pain down the side of my face. Is this dangerous and is there anything I can do about it?

Answer: The condition you describe is not a dangerous one. However, it should receive attention, as it may indicate that some nerve inflammation has occurred.

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