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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest link."

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Soviet-Arab Relations

Whatever else in weal or woe has been set afoot by the Suez Canal dispute it is clear that one possible result will be the placing of most of the Arab world, for all practical purposes, into the Soviet sphere of influence.

Should the dispute result in military action by the Western powers against Egypt, the Soviet Union would still emerge as the friend of the Arabs, even if no Russian soldiers were to take part in the actual fighting.

The one thing that may yet thwart the Soviet designs is the traditional antipathy of the Moslem religion towards Communism as a social system.

Trade With Japan

Mines Minister Prudham has announced that negotiations are going forward on possible purchase by Japanese interests of Alberta and British Columbia coal in considerable quantity.

It is well to bear in mind, however—and this was given proper emphasis in the Minister's announcement—that any expansion of trade Canada hopes to bring about with Japan will have to be on a reciprocal basis if anything important is to come of it.

There is no doubt that these imports do have a more or less depressing effect on some sections of

our economy. It is, indeed, a problem of some magnitude. But it will have to be faced realistically with due consideration to the Japanese viewpoint as well as to the Canadian one, if anything of permanent value is to come out of trade negotiations between the two countries.

Latin In Italy

Canadian students who are annoyed every time their misguided teachers suggest they should acquire a smattering of the Latin tongue ought to consider the plight of their Italian contemporaries.

It must be added, however, that, according to the same authority, Italian students don't like Latin, although it is the mother of their own language, any better than do Canadian students. In fact, the report is that opposition to the subject is so widespread that some of the country's educators are recommending that it be made optional—a recommendation that to representatives of the "old school" must seem like a combination of treachery and subversion.

Provincial Flower Show

Since its inauguration five years ago the Provincial Flower Show at Summerside has established itself as a popular feature of the exhibition season.

The show will be opened on Wednesday afternoon by Mr. R. C. Parent, superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Charlottetown, with a welcoming address by His Worship Mayor Currie.

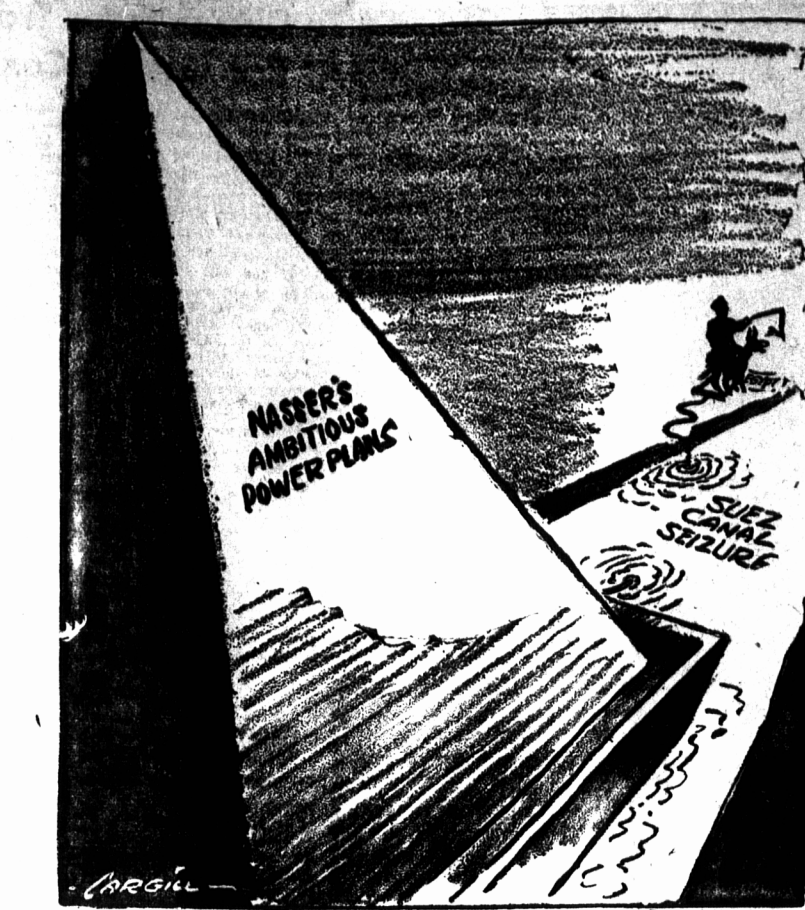
EDITORIAL NOTES

The director of a poetry league says that "a land without poetry would be incomprehensible". So, for that matter, are a great many poems.

Here's a tip for farmers and hog buyers who find it difficult to persuade the animals to board a truck: just throw doughnuts on the loading ramp and the most contrary pig will follow them without a moment's hesitation.

Already Mr. Truman's pre-convention assertion that Stevenson could not win the election for the Democrats has become an annoyance to party strategists. In commenting on it, the speaker at a rally of Republican women said: "Don't believe everything Harry Truman says. I don't always trust him. He may have said what he did just to throw a little dust in our eyes. He did that in 1954 in our congressional campaigns."

The Canadian Medical Association, with which the P. E. Island Medical Society is affiliated, has a long tradition of service to its members and to our citizens at large. It is interesting to note, from the address by the national president, Dr. Lemieux, at the Society's luncheon meeting yesterday, that the parent organization was formed in Confederation Year, 1867, and that Dr. Charles Tupper, one of the Fathers of Confederation, played a leading part in its establishment.



"GIDDY - AP!"

PUBLIC FORUM

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S.P.C.A. REVIVAL URGED

Sir.—As a new comer to the Island, and having all my life been keenly interested in animal welfare, I learn with regret that the local S.P.C.A. (Inc.) has ceased to function, for some years.

One cause of this lapse has been the difficulty of replacing the services of their first inspector. This fine old veteran who died, in harness, gave very faithful and efficient service. His death leaves an opportunity for some humane man of commissionaire type, who may surely be found, to offer voluntary service.

The need for vigilance in the protection of animals and for educational work, remains as vital as ever, for the animal kingdom is vast and varied, and in spite of mechanization, the horse—the "silent" horse, has not, and will never pass completely from the scene.

At this very moment, I see from my window a lame horse, which I have reported to the Police, and have called on its owner, but for which I can get no relief because the by-law makes no provision for police action. It is time to put some teeth in the by-law and make it bite (enforcement).

As evidence of this need, many citizens will no doubt be interested to learn that the Ontario S.P.C.A. is calling for delegates to a conference to be held November 18 and 17. It is felt that a strong national body would be of great benefit to all animal welfare organizations. The objectives are national in scope:

- (1) The setting up of a National Society.
(2) Discussions of problems, federal in nature, such as establishing uniform legislation, to control the transportation of animals, by rail, truck, and air, and vessel between Gt. Britain, Canada, and U.S.A.
(3) Uniform humane slaughter legislation.
(4) Revision of the Criminal Code in relation to prevention of cruelty.

From correspondence I have received, I believe that delegates will be attending from all provinces, and I am happy to say that I am delegated to attend for Brandon, Manitoba having been their voluntary secretary for a number of years.

May I suggest that now would be an opportune time for the revival of the S.P.C.A. in Charlottetown. In order that they may participate in this important conference, and thus uphold the proud tradition of P.E.I. of service in all high endeavour, and leadership.

Briefly, surely it is unthinkable, that the Province of Prince Edward Island should fail to be represented at a conference of this nature.

I am, Sir, etc.

ELEANOR V. KIDD Charlottetown

MODERN ART

Sir.—Why is sound-pronunciation of words important? Why should a child learn his alphabet before "sight reading"? Why should he know phonetics and vowel sounds and be able to articulate speech clearly and distinctly?

Because our language has been framed and planned by artists who have the heritage of thousands of years of art behind them to co-ordinate natural talent (genius). Because these artists knew the meaning, use, and pleasure of combined harmonies of sound and silent-harmonies of sound, sight, and atmosphere, together with feeling—sadness, gladness, power, love, hate, strife, etc. All these expressions are accomplished through words, sounds and proper use of language.

Parliamentary English

Herbert King in the Ottawa Citizen

Now that calm has settled upon Parliament Hill, perhaps members will give heed to the results of a minor research into parliamentary English which the writer conducted during the recent session.

Interested primarily in the debates, I have been distracted by the violations of good usage which constantly are to be heard. Any one conscious of his Canadianism wishes to be proud of his Parliament, and is disturbed by an uneasy feeling that in respect of cultivated speech the Canadian House of Commons falls short of the standards of the Parliament of the United Kingdom in Westminster.

Now that there is no fine English to be heard in our House of Commons, for indeed there is, but the general quality of speech could easily be improved. It varies all the way from the impeccable precision of the Prime Minister, the polished urbanity of the Minister of Health and Welfare, to the untrammelled garrulity of the member for Restigouche-Metawaka.

There is little to choose between the parties. All make similar mistakes, but as opposition members speak three times as much as the Liberals, they make three times as many mistakes. It is curious, however, that speakers who deplore most violently the invasion of Canada by American capital have succumbed most to American pronunciation and quite blithely say "noo", "thermoclear", "primarily" and the like. Personally I prefer American capital to American vowels.

There is a perceptible difference between the English of the upper reaches of the CCF party and the top-flight Conservatives. Mr. Coyle and Mr. Knowles may be radical in their economic and social thinking, but they are scrupulously traditional in their use of words. They abide by the Oxford English Dictionary. Correctly, they pronounce "schedule" as "shedule" and "precedent" as "shred-

peare and Spenser, who fitted words to sound and sense, incorporated into English language and literature of that and later ages. Milton, and Johnson the first English lexicographer, followed to embellish and promote the foundations laid in the Elizabethan Age—shall we say "added variations" of a distinct calibre.

Modern Art has followed with further beneficence, expanding on atmosphere and in other directions. Remember, every word in a work of art, has a definite purpose. It is chosen by the artist who knows harmony of sound and sight, as the "ear play-er" knows the harmony of his violin strings—ever superficially. I am not sure that I would say, with the learned that modern art in literature has never excelled that of the Elizabethan Age. Please forgive an honest opinion, from one, ill-fitted to judge. I think modern art in literature—providing it be art—does excel that of any former age because of expansion rather than correction.

There is a reason, then, for criticizing the presumption that changed McCrae's word "betwixt" to "between", in his "In Flanders Field". In this poem, McCrae shows himself as an artist of no mean order. I notice the beauty of King George's speech: "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year..." was similarly mangled and mutilated, into a common discordant Grade VII—like the Grade III "square headed Cat." It does matter that we keep the harmony and beauty of the atmosphere and sound as well as in action, character and plot. It is the secret of the success of the orator, teacher, writer, preacher, etc. and the subtle influence that wins the reader of novels. Change the pronunciation, or mangle and chew up your words, and the harmony and rhythm are broken. The arrow misses its mark, by discordant interference. I am, Sir, etc. SALLY

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OLD-TIME PAIN RELIEVERS

The old-time mustard plaster which grandma praised so highly still has its place in medicine.

A counter-irritant, it helps relieve local pain. While producing inflammation of the skin over the affected area, it also causes a reflex action which lessens pain in the underlying tissues.

When your doctor advises a mustard plaster, here's how to make it: For adults, mix one part mustard with four to six parts flour and add enough tepid water to make a smooth paste.

Spread the paste over a piece of muslin, somewhat larger than the area to be treated. The paste should be about one-quarter inch thick. Then cover this with another piece of muslin and fold the open edges in so the goo won't spill out.

While preparing the poultice, it's best to place the plaster on the under piece of muslin over a hot water bag to prevent the paste from cooling.

OIL THE SKIN

Next, place the plaster on the skin and be sure it has been lightly oiled, and hold it firmly in place with a cloth binder.

You've got to be careful to avoid blistering. Examine the skin every five minutes to check inflammation. Remove the plaster as soon as the skin assumes the shade of a definite pink.

WASH SKIN

After removal of the plaster, wash the skin with soap and water and dry it thoroughly. Then grease it with petroleum and cover it with a warm cloth.

A flaxseed poultice is used the same way. It maintains its warmth for a much longer time, however, and is used simply as another means of applying heat.

Add one cup of flaxseed to one and a half cups of water and boil until it becomes doughy. Turn off the heat, add one-half teaspoonful of soda bicarbonate and then beat the mixture thoroughly for a few minutes.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

M.S.: My granddaughter was born with an extensive mark on her lips and forehead. Will it disappear with time?

Answer: Usually a birthmark such as you have described persists throughout life and grows, although some portions of the mark will fade.

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By Herman N. Sundeen, M. D.

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Marilyn Bell

In the near future, Marilyn Bell should be settling down to a new life when she enters McGill University. Marilyn hopes to go on with her work of helping handicapped children. See the color photograph in THE STANDARD this week. Get THE STANDARD — on sale now, complete with magazine, 12-page novel and 20 pages of comics. Only ten cents

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