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The Northern Market

The opportunity of developing a big market in the North for our Atlantic products has been discussed on many occasions...

Dr. MacKinnon announced that a group of APEC officials is leaving by air on April 10 for Goose Bay and Frobisher...

It is hoped there will be prompt response to this proposal. Certainly it should have the full blessing and support of our Provincial Government...

Minnesota Farm Study

Of interest to Canadian farmers, who face similar problems, is a report recently submitted by the Minnesota Study Commission on Agriculture...

(1) The family farm is not being swallowed up by operators of large-scale agricultural units. (2) Farms can grow larger than they are and still remain in the "family farm" category...

In dealing with the development of Minnesota agriculture from 1939 to 1957, the commission came up with some grim economic facts as well as some optimistic ones...

Consistent with the out-trend in rural farm population, the commission found a declining number of farm operators in the state...

of Minnesota's 700,000 farmers saw net cash income from farming of less than \$1,000, and 63 per cent of the total realized less than \$2,000.

Nearly 35,000 families, with gross farm receipts ranging from \$250 to \$2,500 in 1954, were labelled "the poverty problem in Minnesota agriculture..."

Community Concert Drive

Music lovers in this Province owe a great debt to the Community Concert Association, which year after year has brought some of the world's most talented artists to our shores...

For the coming season the Association is including two outstanding attractions in its concert series—the Hart House Orchestra under Boyd Neel, and Les Grands Ballets Canadiens...

EDITORIAL NOTES

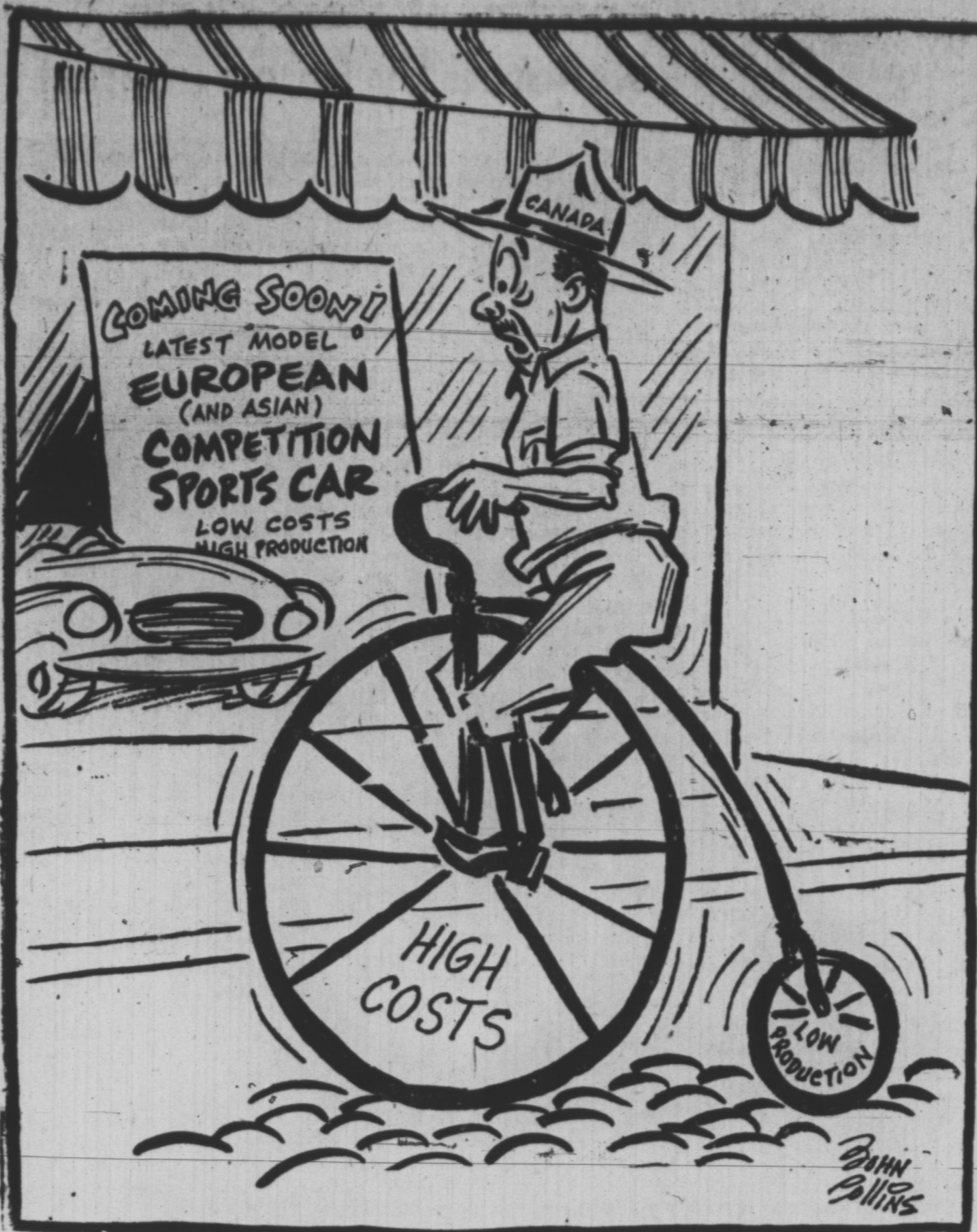
One amendment to the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act is being accepted by the Federal Government. This will enable more persons to borrow under the Act...

The ferry William Carson has been compensating this winter for those first inauspicious years of her career in Newfoundland-mainland service...

Dr. H. H. Hannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, is in favour of freer international trade. He thinks, however, that protection of such things as fruits, vegetables and poultry is a good thing...

Usually, conservation officials call for less hunting as a means of preserving a certain species. Not so in Nova Scotia, with respect to deer. There, an official of the Lands and Forests Department has urged hunters to "hunt and hunt hard"...

The Russians virtually threatened to occupy Iran if that country signed a defence agreement with the United States. Well, the treaty has been signed and delivered—and still there is no sign of a Russian invasion...



IN THE FOREIGN MARKETS RACE

OTTAWA REPORT

The Immigration Door

By Patrick Nicholson

"We must populate or perish." That blunt assertion was made by John Diefenbaker two years ago, when he was Leader of the Opposition in our Parliament.

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.

CATS AND LEGISLATORS

Sir,—There seems to be so much talk concerning the apparent levity and shallowness and frivolity in the local House during the past few weeks, that I thought perhaps it might be wise to point out that although there appears to be little in the way of seriousness displayed, nevertheless some of the matters may really involve issues of some import. Moreover there is much precedent for this type of demonstration.

Many people were particularly interested in the discussions about the cat. A headline in one of the smaller newspapers more or less featured this discussion. Perhaps the few words from Alice's adventure in Wonderland might be a propos, although I am sure nobody would like to apply them to the present Legislature.

"Would you tell me which way I ought to go here?" "That depends a good deal on where you want to go," said the Cat. "I don't much care where—" said Alice.

"Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the Cat. "If you people think that our Legislators are not giving the account of themselves, which the voters would feel they should, I think they would do well to remember similar circumstances have arisen in other Parliaments."

"The following is quoted from Hansard, the official record. Subject—Maintenance Allowances for Cats. "Captain Orr asked the Assistant Postmaster-General when the allowance payable for the maintenance of cats in his Department was last raised; what is the total amount involved; what is the present rate per cat in Northern Ireland; and how this compares with the rate in London?"

Mr. Gammans: "There is, I am afraid a certain amount of industrial chaos in the Post Office cat world. Allowances vary in different places, possibly according to the alleged efficiency of the animals and other factors. It has proved impossible to organize any scheme for payment by result or output bonus. These servants of the State are, however, frequently unreliable, capricious in their duties and liable to prolonged absences."

"My honourable and gallant Friend has been misinformed regarding the difference between rates for cats in Northern Ireland and other parts of the United Kingdom. There are no Post Office cats in Northern Ireland. Except for the cats at post office Headquarters who get the special allowance a few years ago, presumably for prestige reasons, there has been a general wage freeze since July 1918, but there have been no complaints."

Captain Orr: "How does my honourable Friend account for the fact that no allowances are payable for cats in Northern Ireland?"

Mr. Gammans: "There are no cats in Northern Ireland, I presume, because there are no mice in the post office buildings."

AGRICULTURAL LAND WHERE FOOD CAN BE PRODUCED.

John Diefenbaker was correct when he said, two years ago, that we must populate or perish; today as Prime Minister, he has the obligation to initiate policies which will save Canada from perishing.

Against this background, a timely and far-sighted plea for an agricultural revival, especially for immigrants, was made in Parliament by Hubert Badanal, Liberal M.P. from Fort William and himself an immigrant from Italy.

He referred to the small dairy farmer and truck farmer in his Lakehead district, operating what by prairie standards are small pieces of land, yet making their living wholly under those difficult conditions.

"An important aspect of the small farm," Mr. Badanal argued, "is that a farm is a good place to bring up a large family. A lot of people are entering Canada as immigrants, so let us start a number of small farms where there is plenty of room and fresh air, which is an ideal environment in which to raise children, whose worth to Canada transcends any consideration of small assistance in the way of a loan."

That plea by Mr. Badanal was aimed to help existing small farmers, and to point the way for land-hungry immigrants, who with such aid would help to populate the empty stretches of our ten provinces as well as those promised eleventh and twelfth provinces.

VISIT TO FRANCE A Land Of Contrasts

By Heath Macquarrie, M.P.

At the close of the conference in London, we left for a quick trip to some of the countries in the NATO alliance. This, of course, had to be a very short tour since the meetings in Switzerland were little over a week away.

Our first call was to France, that ancient land of glory and romance which for many years was the sworn enemy of England but in our time has become more than one occasion stoop shoulder to shoulder with Britain as a friend and ally.

Paris has been described as the City of Light. We arrived in the morning, of course, but the great metropolis was beautiful in the brilliant sunlight. Paris, which now has a population of nearly three million people, has long been regarded as one of the great cities of the world. It is the ancient and glorious capital of the French monarchy, a centre for the development of the arts, and, of course, it has long reigned supreme in the field of fashions and in the culinary realm.

ARCH OF TRIUMPH The hotel at which we were lodged was but a stone's throw from the Arch of Triumph which recalls the great victories of Napoleon I and contains the tomb of France's Unknown Soldier of World War I. An elevator carries visitors to the top of the arch, and from this vantage point one has a magnificent view of the city. Prominent in the skyline is the famed Eiffel Tower which stands nearly 1,000 feet high. (When it was erected it was the tallest structure in the world but has long since been overshadowed.)

From the Place de l'Etoile where the great arch stands, the beautiful Avenue des Champs-Élysées extends in beauty and a walk up this famed thoroughfare was naturally next on our agenda. The sidewalk cafes and the beautiful entertainment and business houses make this a most interesting thoroughfare. But most of Paris is rich in beauty, history and interest.

Some of the loveliest buildings in the world are found in this great city. Indeed, the richness of Renaissance architecture is quite unforgettable. The Tuileries Gardens, the Place de la Concorde, Notre Dame Cathedral, the bridges on the Seine, the Pantheon are but some of the sights which meet the eye of the visitor to the brilliant French capital.

TRIP TO VERSAILLES One of the memorable features of our short visit was the trip to the city of Versailles, twelve miles from Paris. Here we were fortunate enough to be able to attend a sonet lumiere, a type of program quite popular in Europe. The scope of this artistic combination of sound and light was the great Palace of Versailles with its glorious and tragic memories of the young King Louis XIV and the hapless Louis XVI.

I had always longed to see the great palace whose construction dates back to the 17th century. Many years ago it was vividly described by one of the greatest lechers under whom I have ever sat, Professor Henri Blanchard of Prince of Wales College. How thrilling it was to see this magnificent and ornate structure into which the labour of thousands and the treasure of a nation had been poured in the affluent days of French grandeur.

LOCK UP MEDICINE

Keep aspirin add, all types of medicine locked safely in a cabinet or drawer. There is no such thing as placing something out of a child's reach unless it is under lock and key.

No child under the age of five should ever be given more than 1 1/4 grains of aspirin every four hours. Even this should be administered only upon the advice of a physician.

If your youngster does take an overdose, call your doctor and make the child vomit immediately to empty stomach.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. H. A.: I am a woman of 50 and have been tinting my hair for 20 years. My hair is getting thinner and the back of my head is nearly bald. What can I do?

Answer: It is possible that the hair tints you have been using may be injuring your hair. On the other hand, its gradual loss may be a perfectly natural occurrence. Very little can be done to restore lost hair. You might consult a skin specialist.

May Lead Tot To Disaster

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

NEVER tell your children that any medicine is candy. While it might help you in administering medicine on one or two occasions, it can easily lead to a great deal of trouble, possibly tragedy.

Every year about 100,000 American children come awfully close to dying because they took overdoses of aspirin. And the vast majority of these cases of aspirin poisoning can be attributed to the use of the flavored children's variety.

Of course, these colored and coated aspirin tablets have a definite value. I don't think there is any question that kids take them more readily than they would unflavored aspirin.

It's when the youngsters get to thinking of these aspirin tablets as candy that trouble arises.

WHO'S TO BLAME? You can't blame a child for wanting to eat candy. So, who is to blame if he climbs up to the medicine cabinet and steals a bottle of those pretty colored "candies"?

The answer is plain—you are. Fortunately, quick action by parents and doctors saves most victims of aspirin poisoning. Still, several hundred tots are killed each year by overdoses. In fact, aspirin poisoning is blamed for one out of every eight accidental deaths among children in this country.

In Illinois alone, we had more than 150 cases of aspirin poisoning among children under the age of five last year.

Those of you who are parents owe it to your children—and to yourselves—to take every precaution possible.

For one thing, tell the youngster that it is aspirin and not candy that he is taking. Stress the fact that he takes it only when he does not feel well.

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One could hardly conceive a great Europe without a great France, and in these difficult days we cannot but feel that our own destiny is bound up very closely with that of great and close friends like the French nation.

POVERTY is not dishonorable in itself, but only when it comes from idleness, intemperance, extravagance—and folly.

RED TERRORIST KILLED KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya (Reuters)—Siu Mah, a leader of Malaya's Swindling band of Communist terrorists, has been killed by British troops, it was announced Monday.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Asked by the quizmaster on a T.V. show to name a great time saver, a woman contestant promptly answered: "Love at first sight."—Practical English Magazine

sound effects recreated the night in 1789 when an angry mob stormed those once sacred precincts and took King Louis XVI and his family back to Paris. There they came more easily under the control of these mighty forces which were ushering in the revolutionary era which was to be so vividly felt not only in France but the whole Western World.

A PLACE OF GLORY Versailles is a place of glory, beauty and opulence. The Orangery, built in 1655 by Mansart, is perhaps the finest piece of architecture of all. There are over twelve hundred orange trees here, one of which is said to date from 1421. There are three hundred other kinds of trees. In the Grove of Apollo the magnificent stately statue recalls France's position as the patron of the arts and its yearning to be the Greece of the modern era.

But other history is recorded in Versailles. In the famous Hall of Mirrors, William I was crowned Emperor of Germany over the body of the French nation, so tragically and unexpectedly defeated in the War of 1870-1871. But in this same famous room France had its day, when after the First Great War the representatives of a vanquished Germany accepted the peace terms which the valor on France and her allies allowed them to dictate.

When we were in Paris, France was passing through another of its crises. The unstable structure of the Fourth Republic had collapsed, and into the vacuum had marched the great figure of General DeGaulle. Some there were who at that time felt that France could not have DeGaulle and freedom too. Recent events have seemed to set aside these fears. Had DeGaulle wished to be a dictator, he could easily have become one right after the war.

At this juncture it would appear that he is what France needs, and France and the friends of France may be thankful that the man of his stature was available in the crucial stages to which events had brought the great nation. Today Canadian ties with France are close.

She is our ally in NATO, and although her military prowess may be less magnificent than in the glorious days of Napoleon and Louis XIV she is, nevertheless, still one of the great nations of the world and a bulwark of freedom. In modern times France seems to have been torn by internal dissension.

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OUR YESTERDAYS (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 13, 1934)

Undoubted evidence of the serious pollution of the whole oyster bed area in the vicinity of Charlottetown, constituting in some cases a hazard to public health, has been found by the Dominion officials engaged to make a survey in these waters.

What can be done at a minimum cost to help game birds during the winter months has been demonstrated by Mr. Earle G. Jenkins, a sportsman living at Southport. Early last fall a small stream on his farm, was dammed and a few alders planted. There are now twelve black ducks visiting this dam regularly and they have become quite tame.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 13, 1949) Seeking aid for Prince Edward Island fishermen from the Fisheries Support Board, Island representatives fly today to Moncton for a conference with the East Coast Advisory Committee to the board. P.E.I. representatives are Sidney Burboe, W.E. Agnew, Paul Gallant, Frank Cameron, J.L. Noonan, J.E. Burden, and J.B. Murray.

With its own telephone service almost knocked out by heavy icing conditions, P.E.I. microwave link came to the rescue of mainland telephone communications yesterday. Partially replacing the marine cable communication last fall, the microwave system connects P.E.I. and Nova Scotia. With the wires down between Springhill and Amherst, messages were routed through Charlottetown.

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