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Manpower and Immigration

Canada's population has gone up over 20 per cent in the last decade and is now nearing the 14 million mark. Despite this not inconsiderable gain, this is not enough. The reason? Because each successive crisis finds this country's efforts hampered by its greatest shortage, which is manpower.

Why are new settlers, and particularly people from the United Kingdom, not coming to this country in larger numbers? Not, assuredly, because they do not wish to emigrate. For, in 1949, some 200,000 men, women and children left the Old Country to settle in Commonwealth countries. Of this number, the substantial majority consists of skilled and unskilled labor. Destination by far the largest proportion is Australia.

The motives for leaving Britain, which presently enjoys full employment and whose government offers a newly expanded system of social services, may explain in some measure why Britons are going to Australia instead of to Canada.

Gibraltar

On Thursday the Duke of Edinburgh opened Gibraltar's first legislative council on behalf of the King. The rock was captured from the Spanish in 1704 by the English and Dutch under Rooke and was subsequently ceded to Great Britain by the treaties of Utrecht and Versailles.

Gibraltar is very strongly fortified and is honeycombed with tunnels providing underground communications, fire control, power supply, bakeries and accommodation for troops.

The British Navy cherishes the rock for another reason than its controlling position at the entrance to the Mediterranean. It has withstood long and numerous sieges so that whatever day of the year it may be in default of anything else to commemorate, one can always celebrate the siege of Gibraltar.

From the Lower Deck

Seven young men from the "lower deck" of the Royal Canadian Navy entered university this Fall under the plan which provides selected men with the opportunity to acquire educational qualifications required for promotion to commissioned rank.

As was announced earlier, three others were enrolled at the Canadian Services College, Royal Roads, under the same scheme.

In effect for the past three years, the plan was established as an additional channel for promotion to commissioned rank, and does not affect those avenues for promotion to officer rank already in existence.

On successful completion of their academic courses and professional training during the summer months, the men will be promoted to the rank of acting sub-lieutenant.

Most of this year's group did not have the necessary educational qualifications for entrance to the Canadian Services College or university when they entered the Service but attained the required standard through attendance at the R. C. N. Preparatory School at H. M. C. S. Naden, Esquimalt, B.C.

At this school, men who are recommended may take special courses under Navy Instructor Officers to improve their

educational standing. Private study also is encouraged, with Instructor Officers assisting and directing the sailor-students.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, Sunday next before Advent.

Another arena for agricultural display, etc., at our annual exhibition, would be a welcome and laudable enterprise.

Last day of the open season on ducks. The brant season continues until the 30th and geese until Dec. 5. Hares or rabbits may be hunted until the end of January.

The numerous peace rumours in Korea may be connected with the predictions of intelligence officers that the war will continue until spring.

Ottawa is the meeting place for any number of conferences just now. So much so that it must be difficult to keep them all sorted out.

Mr. Adhemar Raynault, who was mayor of the city of Montreal from 1936 to 1938 and for the two terms from 1940 to 1944, announces that he has agreed to be candidate again at the forthcoming elections. He will again cross swords with Mayor Camillien Houde.

The services, facilities, and construction personnel of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation will now, by order-in-council, become part of the new Crown Corporation to deal exclusively with Government contracts for defence construction. Thus another wartime organization survives and is expanded for which the employees must be duly thankful.

The Northumberland Strait meeting on Monday of Maritime Fish and Game Association aboard the "Abegweit", represents a stroke of genius. What better place could there be for inter-Provincial gatherings?

The Prime Minister of India is quite modern in declaring that he desires to be described as "Mister" Nehru instead of "Pandit" Nehru, his Brahmin title. This puts him on a footing with all the electorate, "touchables" and "untouchables" alike.

Saint John is waging war on its pigeon population since residents discovered that these birds not merely disfigure buildings and other property with their droppings, but are becoming badly infested with lice and ticks which makes them a serious hazard to health.

Tongues have been wagging a mile a minute in a Montreal high school, says Montreal Gazette, about the two fifteen-year-olds, both Tenth Grade pupils, who persuaded a clergyman in the Laurentians they were of legal age and were married by him. At first highly indignant, the girl's parents are reported to have relented and accepted the inevitable.

Andrew Carnegie, Scot-American millionaire and philanthropist, born this date 1837. He emigrated with his father from Dunfermline to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where he started life as a telegraph boy. Later, through his business ability in the iron and steel industries he rose to great wealth, which he devoted to charitable, social and religious purposes, being particularly addicted to providing public baths and free libraries to favoured towns and cities. In addition, in his later years, he endowed colleges and universities, public trusts for this purpose. He also instituted a Hero Fund, and a Peace Fund to hasten the abolition of international war.

For the first time in 200 years the ancient clan banner of the Gordons has flown in their native lands on Royal Deeside. This year, at Aboyne Games, the Marquis of Huntly, clan chief and chieftain of the games, attended, and the Lyon King of Arms granted permission for this ancient flag to be flown at the games. The flag is the long-tailed type, which in itself is an indication of its antiquity, for in later stages of the clan history the square flag took its place as the clan banner on the field of battle and on ceremonial occasions. The last known occasion when the flag was flown was on the restoration of the 6th Earl and 1st Marquis of Huntly in 1599. The ancient flag, which carries on it the cross of St. Andrew and the ivy leaf badge of the Gordons, attracted the attention of thousands who attended the games.



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.

WOOD ISLANDS SERVICE

Sir,—In view of the large amount of farm products which could be shipped from this Province after November 30, as well as other traffic to and from Nova Scotia, I cannot see why the Wood Islands Service should not endeavour to operate, weather permitting, up until Christmas or New Year's.

SHIPMATE, EASTERN KING'S

Sir,—In your issue of Nov. 13th, which came to me yesterday, I read with much interest the entertaining reminiscence of your former shipmate, "Prince Edward with the Adieu".

"PRINCE EDWARD ISLE ADIEU!"

Sir,—I know the poem well in my boyhood days at St. Peter's; and no one in that part of P. E. I. seemed to have any doubts as to who was the author. Everyone there recognized it as the work of Lawrence Doyle, who lived a few miles east of St. Peter's on the Fortune Road.

I always understood that the poem was written in protest against the National Policy of Sir John A. Maclean in the days when "Reciprocity" and "Free Trade" were the rallying cry of the "Grits."

"OLD MAN SURPLUS"

Sir,—It is pretty clear to this man-in-the-street that we owe a deal to the patient research workers in the laboratory, according to The Guardian's editorial "Science For Spuds."

On the other hand, it seems to me that in one respect, at least, potato growers and wheat growers have one feature which is common to both industries, i.e., both suffer cruelly, at unpredictable but fairly frequent intervals, from the pressure in the market-place of price-destroying temporary surpluses.

Unfortunately (if one may say so) both groups of primary producers deliver prime necessities of life; and, as a result, there has been a natural tendency to restrict the services of the laboratories largely to the improvement of seed strains and to the endless battle against insects, virus diseases, blights, and the effects of unfavorable weather.

I think it is safe to assert that under the technology of urban industry, the men in the laboratories would have long since been urged

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) OBNOXIOUS PETITIONS

From the Journal of the Legislative Assembly, April 1, 1943: A petition of divers inhabitants of the Second Electoral District of Prince County was presented to the House by Mr. Rae, and the same was received and read, setting forth:

"That petitioners have to complain of the high rate of rent demanded by the land claimants, which being never less than one shilling sterling per acre, and frequently much higher, is more than the circumstances and resources of the tenantry can bear; and that it is necessary, in order to enable them to exist, that the rents be reduced below their present rate, and paid in the currency of the Island, and not in sterling as heretofore.

"That petitioners believe, if the landlords were to receive their rents in agricultural produce, at reasonable prices, deliverable on their respective estates, it would do much towards relieving the tenantry, and to allay the discontent which exists among them.

"That petitioners would beg to represent the corrupt state of the Magistrate, especially the Commissioners of Small Debts, in many instances, in various parts of the County.

"That they lament to have observed, that it has appeared to be the policy of the Government for some time past, to appoint to this office, at least in many instances, persons inimical to the interests of the people, and concerned in upholding the proprietary and aristocratic interests and ascendancy; and that they also regret to have to state, that in many notorious instances the official authority of these functionaries is most shamefully perverted to base and sordid purposes, and rendered the means of their own aggrandizement, by encouraging litigation and oppressing the poor — and respectfully begging leave

ed to the hunt for new industrial non-edible uses for both wheat and potatoes. On the surface this trend would look as being somewhat inimical to the public hunger for "cheap food".

One of our Ontario contemporaries discloses at least one valid cause behind the ease with which regional potato surpluses emerge. Thus: "We have often heard a pound-conscious eater say, 'I'd just love to have some more potatoes, but you know they're so fattening!'"

GETS VOTERS

SWIF CURRENT, Sask. — (CP) —The Civic Voters Association donated \$35 in prizes to school pupils making the closest estimate on the number of civic votes cast. A contestant had to prove his parents voted, and the result was nearly 1,000 more votes than usual.

COLORFUL NAME

The devil's coach-horse is the name of a narrow British beetle, about one inch in length.

LONDON, Nov. 22 — (AP) — Skip the smutty jokes or get off the air, the BBC told radio comedians today. The BBC said it would ban for up to a year comedians who slip in off-color jokes outside their scripts.

I am, Sir, etc., BUSINESSMAN

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He forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

to urge the consideration of these matters upon the House, and praying that measures may be adopted for the redress of the grievances complained of.

The Hon. Mr. Palmer moved, in amendment, that after the word "Petition" in the said motion, all be struck out, and the following substituted — "be thrown under the Table."

The House divided on the motion of amendment: Yeas: Hon. Mr. Palmer, Messrs. Thorntorpe, Coles, Macaulay, Cambridge, Yeo, Dalziel, Hudson, Longworth, Hon. J. S. MacDonald, A. MacLean, Wrightman, Douce.

A similar fate met another petition presented at the same session by Mr. D. MacLean, "from divers inhabitants of New London, praying for a Legislative enactment on behalf of the tenantry of this Island, and also expressing the abhorrence of the petitioners at certain proceedings on the part of the Executive Government."

The Journal records that on Mr. MacLean moving that the petition be received and read, "Mr. Speaker declined to put the question, on the ground that the said petition was couched in language highly insulting and disrespectful towards the Executive Branch of the Legislature."

The House did, however, adopt an address on motion of Hon. Mr. Palmer, emphasizing the unhappy circumstances existing in the Colony and petitioning Her Majesty "to use such mediation as may induce the proprietors to remit to their tenantry such portion of the arrears of rent now due as may encourage the tenants in their efforts to discharge the legal demands of their landlords, and to urge upon them the necessity of adopting such arrangements as will enable the tenantry to pay their rents for the future in the marketable products of the soil, at market prices."

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Notes By The Way

How much is a mile of wind? We're constrained to ask by reason of a heading in the Herald the other day: "11,529 Miles of Wind Blow Through City in October."

The other day, President Truman was matching Biblical quotations with his old friend, Senator John Sparkman of Alabama. Both men had made public proposals on disarmament in which they used the phrase, "beating swords into ploughshares."

By the sudden passing of its Primate, Most Reverend George Frederick Kingston, the Church of England in Canada has lost a leader from whom it hoped for a long period of service. Only three years ago, Archbishop Kingston was elected to his high office at the age of 58.

The Poet's Corner

LOST SHIPS

Dream after dream I see the wrecks that lie Unknown of man, unmarked upon the charts, Known of the flat-fish with the withered eye, And seen by women in their aching hearts.

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