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Plebiscite Day

Potato growers are going to the polls today not only to indicate academic approval of the Potato Marketing Board and the Selling Agency but also to indicate whether there will be enough support for the Board to make its policies workable.

It is up to those engaged in the potato industry here to determine how it should be organized provincially, but the industry is of such general importance to the Island economy that no one can be indifferent to far-reaching decisions affecting it.

So general are the ramifications of the industry that the Government would have been justified in treating the question as one of public policy rather than as the private concern of those actually engaged in the industry.

In a political campaign a great many issues must be considered and pros and cons weighed carefully against one another in unrelated fields. The issues today are greatly simplified by comparison but by the same token they are being decided directly by the voter rather than by delegates whom he selects for the purpose.

Heading For Statehood

Hawaii, heading for possible statehood when the 84th U. S. Congress meets next year, is a semi-tropical garden of sugar-cane, pineapples and sunshine that lay out in the blue Pacific strangely unknown to the world at large until Capt. James Cook discovered it in 1778.

What Mark Twain, who lived there for a time, called the "loveliest fleet of islands that lie anchored in any ocean," has probably been inhabited since the fifth century.

Meanwhile, King Kamehameha I, "Napoleon of the Pacific," conquered all rival Hawaiian chiefs to form a kingdom that was soon to welcome an important group of immigrants, the New England missionaries who arrived in 1820.

Tourists, coming to swim from Honolulu's famed Waikiki Beach or to see Mauna Loa, largest active volcano in the world, bring in millions of dollars a year.

No "Peace Bloc" For Mr. Nehru

It will be recalled that when the South-East Asia Treaty Organization—commonly known as SEATO—was formed in Manila some months ago Prime Minister Nehru of India would have nothing to do with it, much to the disappointment of the participating Powers.

It is reported, too, that in his talks with Chinese leaders the Prime Minister stressed the need for more understanding between China and the West and cautioned them against "over suspicion" in their dealings with foreign Powers.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The first water-borne shipment of canned peas from Summerside is an event well worthy of recording. As in many things making a beginning is always the hardest part.

The C. C. F. regained a seat in Monday's by-elections which had been lost to the Liberals in 1953.

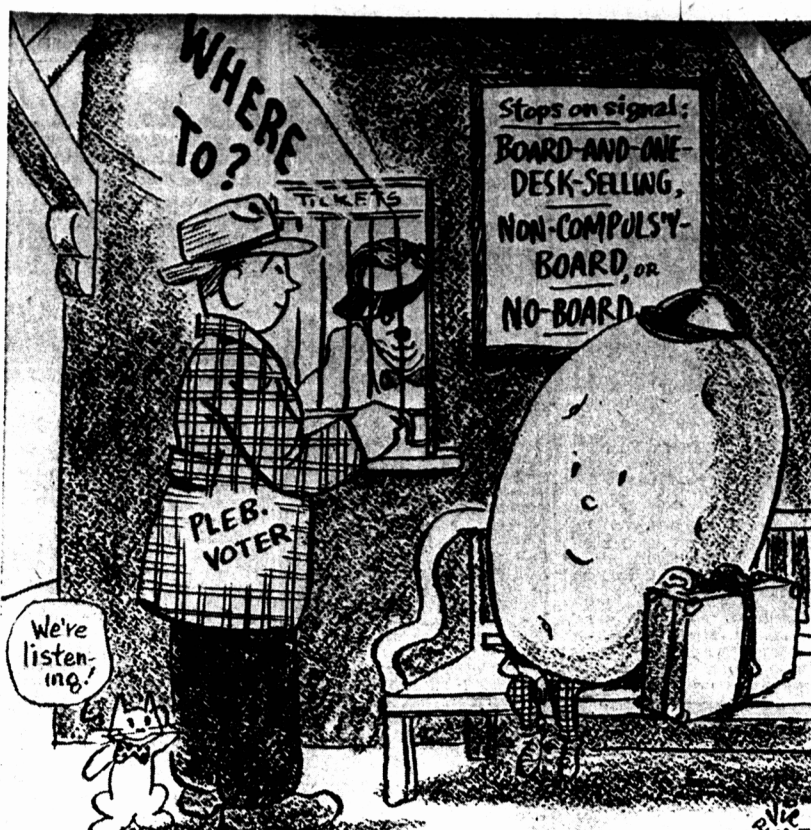
Railway hotels in Canada, with two exceptions, will make no additional room charge for children under 14 when accompanied by a parent or parents.

Jacob Epstein, Russo-Polish sculptor, was born in New York this date 1880. Educated in that city and Paris, he settled in London in 1904 and has become the most criticised sculptor of the present day.

The American-built twin-engine Neptunes which the R. C. A. F. will receive for maritime reconnaissance work are merely a temporary successor to the Lancaster and will eventually be replaced by Canadian-built Bristol Britannias.

Productivity has been rising in Britain and the number of people working in manufacturing industries has risen by 3 per cent. Factories are turning out goods at a rate 8 per cent higher than last year.

Brides and grooms may have reason to be grateful to the Ontario Women's Institutes. Those of the central area, at least, have gone on record as asking manufacturers to find a better dye for confetti.



Question Of The Hour

PUBLIC FORUM

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Sir.—To-morrow across this great land of ours, there will be numerous gatherings at War Memorials to remind us of the two World Wars and the conflict in Korea in which more than 100,000 of our fellow-countrymen and comrades made the Supreme Sacrifice that Canada and Canadians might be free from tyranny and oppression.

It is significant that we gather each year on November 11th, in every City, town, village and smallest hamlet throughout the length and breadth of Canada to perform the Act of Remembrance and look backward. When the ceremonies are concluded, we again take up the thread of everyday life.

We are honouring on November 11th, especially the memory of those who died for our personal liberty, the freedom we and I enjoy right at this moment. We are honouring the memory of those who stood between us and the concentration camp we never languished in; or the bomb which did not wreck our homes and cruelly mutilate our loved ones.

I think it is our responsibility to see that the dead of two World Wars and those who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the Korean conflict are not forgotten, that their memory is kept bright through the years by the little red poppy of Remembrance which is worn as a personal token of tribute to those who gave their lives for Canada.

Therefore, the wearing of the Poppies and the laying of wreaths at Cenotaphs across the nation on Remembrance Day, recalls their service to their country. They served so heroically and it is most surely of comfort and encouragement to those presently serving to know that devotion and sacrifice

Old Charlottetown

From the Royal Gazette, July 27, 1841:

We have been informed that His Excellency Sir C. A. Fitzroy, Lieutenant Governor, has been offered the Government of the Leeward Islands, lately vacated by Sir William Colebrooke, now Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick.

On Saturday night there was a performance at Cantelo's Building, in which Mr. Freeman, the American Giant, made his appearance; he is about 20 years of age, and weighs 332 pounds, stands 7 feet 3 inches high without his shoes, and measures 55 1/2 inches round the breast.

It is much to be regretted, now that travellers and strangers are almost daily arriving in such numbers, that the Town is so inadequately provided with the means of accommodation, so much so that it is frequently impossible to find lodgings of any description. It has been suggested that the establishment of a hotel on a respectable footing should be set about by those who have the well-being of the town at heart, without delay, or one main object of steam intercourse will be defeated, namely bringing intelligent travellers to our shores, for the simple reason that they have no place to go when they land.

Weighing The Verdict

By Heath Macquarrie

The American election results were not unexpected since nearly all of the public opinion surveys had put the Democrats ahead of the Republicans by a small margin. Some pollsters predicted larger losses by the GOP but, unlike the morning after in 1948, none of the election eve prophets need to be too embarrassed at this time.

But while there was general agreement as to what would happen on Tuesday there is now much argument about what did take place when the voters of the great republic voted the Republicans out of their small Congressional majority. Did they show their distaste for the domestic policies of the two-year-old administration, and perhaps also a cooling of enthusiasm for the president they overwhelmingly endorsed in 1952?

The Benson agricultural policies were considered by many observers as one of the weak spots in the Eisenhower program, at least as far as the farm voter was concerned. But the farm areas did not swing solidly against the Republicans and instead the party was able to make gains in states like Iowa and Colorado. On the other hand, Republican strategists will have no reason to consider the Benson plan as one of their strong points since some of the predominantly agricultural states voted Democratic.

are not lightly forgotten by the citizens of this Dominion. If Remembrance is to be sacred at all then it must be personal and on Thursday, Remembrance Day, the last strokes of the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill on November 11th, I am happy for the 6th consecutive year to place a wreath at the base of the National War Memorial here in Ottawa in remembrance of the young men from my native Province, Prince Edward Island, who so gallantly and willingly made the Supreme Sacrifice and who brought honour and glory to their province and country.

I am Sir, etc., GERALD P. MURTAGH, 21 Crickton Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

THE POTATO PLEBISCITE

Sir.—A letter appeared in your paper last week from a writer in Albany denying that his turnover in support of the Marketing Board was because of any compensation for the Board for losses incurred, but rather out of his disgust for the tactics used against him in this plebiscite. May we remind this convert that if the Marketing Board missionaries had stayed home to mind their own business and allowed the growers to please themselves, there would not be any of this Albany writer's complaints about the Good Book being read, but rather out of his indignation at the tactics used against him in this plebiscite.

Numerous speakers for the Marketing Board have referred to dealer supporters as "henchmen." A nice name, is it not? More likely they do not know the meaning of the word, or perhaps they would have refrained from using it. What a despicable bunch of scoundrels these dealers must be, and what a creature a man must be, who would prefer the old-fashioned way of marketing potatoes. What is a Marketing Board but a dealer? and how many henchmen has the Marketing Board got working for them?

If a farmer doesn't grow at least one acre of potatoes he is discriminated. This writer knows of a farmer who because of the Board, cut his acreage down this year to 1 1/2 acres. From this acreage he graded 125 bags of table stock. Another farmer cut down to three-quarters of an acre for market and graded 200 bags of table stock for market. The man who grew 125 bags can go and vote but the man who graded 200 bags has been forced to stay home because of being disfranchised. And we boast of our democracy.

I am, Sir, etc., DISFRANCHISED

Another matter difficult to appraise is the role of the president in the campaign. Although he had expressed a desire to stand aloof Mr. Eisenhower later changed his attitude and in the final days of the battle he entered the lists on behalf of the Republicans, deploring the disastrous results likely to follow party strife at Washington, and asked the American voters to elect a Republican Congress. A few days before polling the president visited a few of the crucial states like New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Now like Woodrow Wilson in 1918 president Eisenhower has seen his appeal rejected by the nation's voters.

Can Tuesday's result be considered a setback for the heretofore popular President? Some of his advisers were convinced of the great risk he was taking by making his prestige a factor in the election in which his branch of government was not being voted on. Other wise men of his party sensing an adverse trend, pleaded with the President to bring his great popularity into the battle on the side of Republican candidates. Having done so without success, does this mean a reverse for the President and the first hint of his waning influence? There will be some politicians willing and eager to accept such an interpretation. Senator Knowland, however, maintains that Eisenhower should have entered the lists earlier and campaigned more vigorously, and if he had done so the result might have been more favourable to the Republican cause.

From this distance it would seem that the President was certainly not censured by those who went to the polls on Tuesday since the Republican candidates (even those who oppose most of his policies) argued that support of the Eisenhower program was the main issue at stake and the Democrats claimed that they would back the President more effectively than members of his own party. Had he remained aloof as many presidents have, Mr. Eisenhower could have viewed any electoral verdict as one sympathetic to him. But even after his belated intervention nothing happened on Tuesday to cause him to feel that he has been repudiated by the voters.

Within the Republican party there will be much soul-searching and doubtless the right-wing leaders will feel that the Eisenhower brand of Republicanism should be diluted by something far more conservative. On the other hand they will doubtless realize that the President is the only candidate for 1956 and this fact will perhaps restrain them from too much opposition to his program. Perhaps the one thing which the election clearly showed is that the Republicans as a party have not captured the imagination of the American people. In order to restore their position they will have to show themselves capable of producing better policies than the Democrats. The next two years will be a challenge to the whole party.

Pumpkin Still Supreme

(Ottawa Journal) The pumpkin is one of the Indians' good gifts to us, and it isn't Red Man's fault that pumpkin raising has decreased, while white men have invented a score of new squashes. A tolerant, open-minded man has nothing against an honest squash, but all peripatetic citizens know that no squash, yet concocted has quite the same flavor and all-round indescribable goodness inherent in a correctly-made pumpkin pie. As the poet John Greenleaf Whittier wisely and truly observed, "What calls back the past like the rich pumpkin pie?" Some of the oldtime pumpkin names are pleasant reading: "Nantucket Pie, Bugle Grammas, Sweet Cheese, China Alphabet, Cocoselle, Illinois Beauty, Golden Custard, Black Zucchini, Indiana Cornfield, Black Sugar, Citronille and Winter Luxury. No one knows how long the Indians had been growing pumpkins before the white men arrived to begin civilizing the

The Passing Scene

By Observer

THE QUEEN MOTHER WELCOMES

It has been interesting to observe the reception that Queen Mother Elizabeth has been receiving in the United States. From the day she stepped ashore from the ship that bears her name she has been accorded one demonstration of welcome after another. It seems that everybody has joined in it from the President in the White House to street urchins in Harlem.

In this respect the United States stands virtually alone among the democratic nations. Each Commonwealth country has its Governor-General who, as the personal representative of the Sovereign, is above all parties. In most of the Republics the President, as titular head of the State, has no great responsibility for Government and none at all for the welfare of any party.

And there is no doubt about it, the Americans love pageantry, pomp, and circumstance, as much as, perhaps more, than any other people on earth, as witness the parades which are as much a part of the American "way of life" as are baseball, the soda fountain, and the High School prom. True, there was not much pomp or pageantry in connection with the Queen Mother's visit; but it signified the outlines of a Royal procession. That was enough to make up, for a short while at least, for something that is missing in the country's ordered society.

The Poet's Corner

SECOND SUMMER

The sunflowers hang their heavy heads And look in the ruins of the frost, Search the sad leaves for the missing ring. For Summer the lovely and the lost. Lift up your heads, golden sunflowers! Summer returned to the world last night. East and west and north by thousand miles Maple trees are giving light. Tree on tree has turned to fire, Summer flames on everything. Looking on this land of burning Is looking into a seraph's wing. Red and golden burning bushes Make this sad earth holy ground. They cry in light farewell to Summer. Cry farewell without a sound. Lift up your heads, heavy sunflowers! This second Summer is breathless-brief. There will remain of it tomorrow Not so much as a fiery leaf. —Robert P. T. Coffin in New York Herald Tribune.

The Age Old Story

The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

RESCUE CLIMBER

ALBERNI, B. C. (CP)—Four separate rescue parties, numbering more than 30 persons, joined forces Tuesday to carry an injured mountain climber down from precipitous Mount Arrowsmith where he had lain on a narrow ledge since Sunday afternoon. Charles Faulkner broke his leg when he fell while he and three companions were climbing the mountain to view the scene of a recent RCAF crash in which four men were killed.

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