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Farm Cash Income

Despite marketing difficulties in the potato industry and other branches of agriculture in this Province, it is reassuring to note that for 1958 our farmers' cash income amounted to \$28,730,000—the highest ever earned in Prince Edward Island except for one year.

These figures, from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, were tabled in the House of Commons last week by Agriculture Minister Harkness in introducing his estimates.

In New Brunswick, for example, the total of \$48,147,000 was exceeded only in 1956 by about one million dollars, and in 1952 by something over \$100,000.

From these statistics Mr. Harkness deduced that in 1958 gross farm cash income increased by 10 per cent in comparison with 1957; by 7.1-2 per cent as compared with 1956; by 20 per cent as compared with 1955, and by 20 per cent as compared with 1954.

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Marching On Ottawa

Regardless of the merits or demerits of the Prairie grain growers' demand for \$300 million in deficiency payments, this "marching on Ottawa" business is disquieting.

In humorous vein, Arthur Blakely, in the Montreal Gazette, pictures what could happen if this practice became prevalent.

sions, government pensioners ditto, beneficiaries of the family allowance seeking bigger baby bonuses; consumers seeking price controls, bankers seeking inflationary countermeasures, manufacturers seeking higher tariffs, etc.

There is no limit to what could be achieved, or at least attempted, by this spectacular means.

News About Penicillin

An important break-through in the use of penicillin has been announced, due to the success of a British research team, after three years of hard work.

It will now be possible to produce a far wider variety of penicillins independently of the fermentation process.

"These developments," says The Times, "will ultimately be translated into a better life for all of us.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Scotland is leading the rest of Britain in the campaign to wipe out tuberculosis in cattle, 96 per cent of the cattle are now clear of the disease and it is expected that within a year tuberculosis among Scottish cattle will have completely disappeared.

Collecting cannon balls may sound a little out-of-date as a hobby, but some Sea Scouts in southern England have been retrieving old cannon balls from the mud flats of Portsmouth Harbour near a place where a gunnery firing ship was stationed one hundred and seventy years ago.

An Italian inventor has produced a device to wake snorers up with their own noise. He calls it a "psicofoon". Like a hearing aid, it amplifies the noise of the snore close to the ear of the culprit.



WORLD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

VISIT TO BRUSSELS

World's Fair in Atomic Age

By Heath Macquarrie, M. P.

In Paris I had an opportunity for some interesting talks with members of the Canadian Embassy and officers of the Canadian Mission to NATO.

Of course, we went first to the Canadian pavilion where we were the guests of Mr. Glen Bannerman, the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

There has been a good deal of controversy over the Canadian pavilion. One Member of Parliament was particularly caustic in his criticism of the artificial fish in the pool in the lower floor.

After a careful and thorough look at the Canadian pavilion, we had time for just a short visit to the United States and the Soviet buildings. The Russian exhibit was large, showy and impressive.

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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.

PUSSY REVIEVED

"Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been? I was to England to see the Queen."

"Pussy cat, pussy cat, what saw you there? I saw the Queen's pussy cat under her chair."

Sir, What an honour for "Pussy" and all her families through the years, and what a blessing or cloud (now happily dispersed) has overshadowed her dignified and uneventful life on this grand little island during the 1959 Legislature!

She has ornamented firesides, hearths and old fashioned kitchens before the fire, and has even kept house for families for short periods. Alerted by the master's return, she would trot out to meet him, rolling over and over, expressing great pleasure at his home coming; and not only that, she kept "Bobbie" in his place if he presumed to step out of line and her influence and concern over mice and rats is too great a field to try to cover.

Although some say cats are a nuisance or a detriment, the only evidence of sincere and human kindness these days comes from a cat or dog at their best.

To try to blot them off the face of the earth would be a move in the wrong direction. There are so many more important issues to be covered at this time that much valuable time was wasted. This is indeed a sad affair, and if it was not humorous could be serious.

"Pussy" let us hope, will now have her day till the end of cat life.

I am, Sir, etc., MARY R. GAVIN, Charlottetown Hotel

THE SAWDUST DEBATE

Sir, I was very interested in the debate in the House concerning mill owners dumping sawdust in fishing streams.

In closing I would suggest to the honorable members that in future they acquaint themselves with the facts before voting against such bills.

I am, Sir, etc., FARMER'S DAUGHTER, Charlottetown.

Quarantine Now Outmoded

By Herman N. Sundeen, M. D. YOU don't hear much about quarantine anymore. A hundred years ago quarantine regulations were often harsh and unreasonable.

Cholera, which ravaged Asia and Europe and even invaded America; the plague or the Black Death, the greatest killer of all; smallpox; yellow fever; typhus—all took their tragic toll despite drastic quarantine restrictions.

Quarantine, actually, is a term developed during the Middle Ages and applied to the 40 days compulsory isolation or detention period of both persons and merchandise which had been exposed to these pestilences in some way.

At that time it was thought, mistakenly, that these diseases were spread entirely by contagion and that this would be dissipated during a period of 40 days.

Almost to the end of the 19th century, it was common practice to keep infected ships offshore in strict isolation for 40 days and the crews and passengers in prison-like quarantine stations for a similar period.

These measures, we know now, were stupid. Yet, it took centuries to change them. Medical advances, unfortunately, came slowly, too.

It wasn't until 1884 that it was proved that cholera was due to infection by a specific germ. Ten years later it was shown that the plague was due to bacillus.

Quarantine practices were made less stringent in 1903 but, because of World War I, it was not until 1920 that most of the recommendations were put into effect.

Through the ensuing years, additional changes have been made. The advent of air travel, naturally, required a general reshuffling of procedures.

Moreover, the development of more efficient health services, the wider use of immunization and the introduction of powerful insecticides and better techniques of application have curbed the pestilential diseases.

ISOLATE CASES Seldom do we impose quarantine these days. When we find infectious cases, we isolate them in hospitals. Persons who have been in contact with them are placed under surveillance. They must report any illness occurring within 14 days.

Yes, we have come a long way in a relatively few years. QUESTION AND ANSWER E. B. D.: Can you give me any suggestions as to what I can eat to create a thicker and warmer blood? I have had cold hands and feet for years and it takes me hours to get warm.

Answer: Cold hands and feet do not necessarily indicate anything wrong with the blood. Diet cannot make the blood thicker and warmer in cases of anemia, a diet rich in iron and vitamins is often beneficial. An examination of the blood should be made by your doctor.

a clear-cut demonstration of the abundance of consumer goods. Many visitors seemed especially interested in the great display of clothing, especially the section which was devoted to articles of baby wear and care.

ROOSEVELT AVENUE After a much too hasty visit to the American pavilion, we went back to Brussels for dinner with some members of the embassy staff. One of the interesting streets through which we passed was called The Avenue of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The day we visited the Fair was Netherlands Day. We were invited to attend the evening program which featured a delightful concert by the Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra held in the spacious theatre on the Fair grounds.

After this we moved out to the parade grounds where we saw a brilliant display by selected regiments of the Netherlands Army, and enjoyed the music of some of the outstanding military bands of that country.

The Fair at night was even more beautiful than in the day, and the use of floodlights and the modernistic designs of the Fair pavilions made it a most memorable sight. All too quickly the program was over and we returned to the Hotel Metropole, which is one of the most delightful hotels in Western Europe.

We had very little time to enjoy it, however, since we had to leave Brussels at 7:00 a.m., which meant that we had to rise well before 6:00 o'clock to start a new day and move to a new country.

Our last sight of Brussels was the gleaming Atomium which "dormed" the Fair grounds. How fitting it was that this should be our final view because to all peoples and all nations the impact of the Atomic Age has come with challenging suddenness. Will this era bring a greater flourishing of the arts of peaceful invention as displayed at the Fair, or will it see the earth visited by the awful destruction which man's curiosity and genius has now made possible?

MAXIMS If time is precious, no book that will not improve by repeated readings deserves to be read at all.

SMALL FARMS More than half of Holland's farmlands is in holdings of fewer than 40 acres.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Publishing activities of the Queen's Printer at Ottawa are baffling. In latest sales "notice" sent out to selected prospective customers at taxpayers' expense is included the offer of a "Russian - English Bird Glossary," priced \$2.50, which "contains 1,100 English equivalents for the Russian names of more than 700 bird species (and subspecies) recorded in the Soviet Union."

The Poets Corner

Through a Gothic window O little country Church of years ago, Within my heart I find your weathered door;

My spirits lift on wings of quietude Just as you bore them up in days of yore. A cowbell's tinkled notes steal reverently Across the meadow and the window sill;

The hillside pasture, whence the music comes! Speaks of the cattle on a thousand hills I hear a rooster crow... the sound recalls The bitter dawn when Peter learned the truth;

The fields in their Sabbathlike repose Envision pictures of the lovely Ruth. Here where I worshipped, little country Church, How oft I sensed, through latticed window pane, The faultless music of God's universe

And sought to join the chords of its refrain. I saw the river wink back at the sun And showers fall to quench the thirsty land; I saw God in His pulpit reaching out With benedictions in His mighty hand.

O little country Church, each time I crave The calm to worship Him whom you adore, I wend my way across the web of years And in my heart I find your weathered door.

S. BARLOW BIRD, Freetown, P. E. I.

OUR YESTERDAYS (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 14, 1934)

President Mr. T. E. McNeill presided at the meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade Council last evening and stated that he had received an expression of opinion from Souris regarding the desirability of a passenger rail service on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mr. S. A. MacDonald and Mr. W. L. Higgins advocated that the Board move early in securing improvement in the time table for the fall and winter.

As a result of falling on the icy sidewalk on Kent Street near the Police Station last evening, Miss Florence Gillis, City, broke her right hip. She was removed by ambulance to the Charlottetown Hospital where an X-ray examination revealed the exact nature of the injury.

TEN YEAR AGO (March 14, 1940)

Charlottetown City Council took further steps toward the introduction of parking meters at the regular meeting held last night. Councillor M. A. Farmer stated that the Police Committee had approved "in principle" the installation of parking meters in the City. Information was being sought from the City of St. John, N.B. which is using two of the most popular types of meters.

Mr. Ned McGuigan, Montague, suffered two broken ribs and other lacerations when he was pinned to a tree by his horse and sleigh. Mr. McGuigan had been hauling coal and while trying to manoeuvre his horse into position near a cellar hatch, he was pinned to a large tree and was unable to move. After he was released, he was taken home, where it was found that he had suffered two broken ribs.

Nasser's Row With Kassem

By Joseph MacSweeney, Canadian Press Staff Writer

The bitterness of President Nasser's attack against Premier Abdel Karim Kassem is the measure of his chagrin at the thwarted rebellion in Iraq.

The short-lived rebellion has brought into the open—and exposed the malignancy—of the quarrel between the Arab Republic president and the Iraqi premier.

But Western diplomats see as equally important the Egyptian dictator's attack on a bigger target—and his implied charge that the Kremlin is out to destroy Arab unity.

While cracking down on Communists at home, Nasser has hitherto tried to steer clear of collisions with Moscow. Typical was a policy speech last December, when he merely chastised Communists at home—specifically, in Syria.

Now he's gone much further, saying the Iraqi Communists are "stoges, not working for the good of their country, but for foreigners." This isn't likely to sit well with Russian Premier Khrushchev, who was disturbed at the milder speech in December, and there is speculation on a possible rift between Moscow and Cairo.

Such a rupture could have advantages for the West, but not all diplomats are agreed that Nasser's sole concern is communism in his fight with Kassem. They wonder whether, instead, Nasser sees Kassem and oil-rich Iraq as rivals for pan-Arab leadership.

It is pointed out that Nasser himself was not backward in accepting economic and military aid from Communist countries—as Kassem now is doing—and that his coolness to Moscow is of comparatively recent vintage.

Nasser's angry statements seem to indicate he has been sharply stung by the defeat of his admirers in Iraq, and his prestige may suffer throughout the Middle East and North Africa. Other leaders such as President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia, as well as Kassem, have

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