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Milk Cows On Increase

For the second consecutive year Canadian milk cow numbers show a sharp increase according to a survey just released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The increase as at June 1st, 1953 amounted to 178,000 or 6 per cent over the same date a year earlier, bringing the total to 3,146,200 or just over 1 dairy cow for every five men, women and children in Canada. The dairy heifer and calf populations also showed gains over last year of 2 per cent and 6 per cent respectively. The Maritime Provinces and Central Canada showed substantial increases in cow numbers but decreases were reported in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Creamery butter consumption in Canada during the first eight months of this year was higher than in any corresponding period since the pre-margarine year of 1948. Canadians are increasing their butter purchases by about a million pounds per month over last year. In contrast, margarine sales during the first two-thirds of this year were 2 million pounds less than during the same period a year earlier. Stocks of creamery butter in Canada on September 1st this year were at the all-time high level of 90 million pounds. This is the largest butter stock recorded for any month in history and is accounted for by a sharp increase in production. From January to August, production was 21 million pounds or 11 per cent over that of a year ago.

Dairy cattle exports to the United States for the six month period, March to August inclusive, (following removal of the U. S. import ban) amounted to 27,860 head. This is about 9 per cent below dairy cattle exports for the corresponding period of 1951 and 28 per cent below the same period of 1950.

Sweden's Choice

A committee set up by the Government of Sweden has taken four public opinion polls in an effort to find out what Swedes in general think about certain aspects of world affairs. These polls, as now reported from Stockholm, show that 78 per cent of the people queried hope the Western Powers will win in the event of any war with Communist Russia and her allies. Only one per cent favoured the Reds. 79 per cent of those polled agreed that Sweden should resist any armed attack, even if the outcome of such a war might seem uncertain.

Under the circumstances, says an exchange, it might seem logical and wise for Sweden to enter the North Atlantic Treaty Organization outright. However, the Swedes remember that in the last war they were able to maintain a considerable measure of neutrality, and many of them probably hope they could assume a similar role in the event of any third global struggle. What they overlook, in that case, is the fact that Sweden remained neutral mainly because it served the purpose of Nazi Germany to allow her to do so. With that purpose gone, and with no clear indication that the Russians would find any similar convenience to suit their book, Sweden's hope of neutrality in the future may be false.

NATO Possibilities

A new concept of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization by the fourteen nations which belong to it appears to be shaping up, says the Globe and Mail. The alliance came into being originally as an offshoot of the United Nations, created under Article 51 of the UN Charter, which grants all members "the inherent right of individual or collective self-defense". Sheer necessity gave it birth. The leading Western Powers recognized that UN could not protect Western Europe, and therefore that they themselves would have to band together for that purpose. The result was an organization which has in effect taken UN's place; a body of nations which really are united.

"It is not necessary to write off the UN," says our Toronto contemporary. That organization still performs many useful purposes. Perhaps, at some more fortunate time, it may be everything it was intended to be. But now, and for many months to come, it is the NATO to which the free world must look. It is a good alliance; it must become a great one, commanding such faith and loyalty from the millions of people it represents that they

will give it whatever it needs—manpower, money, materials—to do the job. That job is simply the defense of civilization.

"We should like to see NATO built up not just in the military sense, but in every other sense. Why should it not take over the old League of Nations buildings at Geneva? They would give it a dignity it presently lacks. Why should it not express itself in constructive economic and commercial arrangements? We are always being told that the reasons NATO is not going ahead faster are economic ones. Very well, then; let us have the same kind of consultation and collaboration on that score as we have on the military side. Why should it not attract and inspire the leading minds of the West—the men and women who sway public opinion? What class of people are more concerned with protecting civilized culture?"

"The possibilities are endless. The point is that Western civilization is not going to be saved by the UN. Neither is it going to be saved by the U.S. It is only going to be saved by its own collective efforts; and for that purpose, has created NATO. Having created it, and having gone this far with it, the free nations should not halt until it has such economic strength, such military strength, and above all such moral strength, that Russia will be not merely willing, but eager, to come to terms."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Despite serious setbacks suffered because of this year's late, cold and wet spring, southern Alberta's sugar beet harvest is expected to produce nearly \$6,000,000 worth of sweet roots from 34,700 acres this fall. The yield in refined sugar is estimated between 100,000,000 and 110,000,000 pounds. This is the fourth largest crop of sugar ever produced in the area and serves to point up the fact that the West can produce something besides its much publicized wheat.

Of all the sufferings which Greece has endured during ten whole years in a struggle which has not ceased, at first against the Axis, against the formidable mass of Slavocommunist afterwards, another odious ordeal has come to add itself: the abduction of children by the bandits and their transfer to so-called "democratic countries." Actually, according to the Greek government, it is Greeks who operate the abduction of children and deliver the Greek children to their Slavic masters.

Denys Diderot, French "savant" and author, was born this date 1713. He was educated at a Jesuit college and later in a Paris law office but found both distasteful. He lived by his wits and by his pen, writing everything from catalogues to sermons. He developed a rebellious philosophy, with Rousseau, which was to lead to the Revolution. He was probably the first to establish relations between art and literature and gave a strong impulse to art criticism. In his last years Catherine of Russia bought his library, but appointed him custodian and paid him fifty years' salary in advance.

Today, people in many parts of the world celebrate for the first time World Children's Day. The celebrations centre round the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, or "Declaration of Geneva", the charter of the International Union for Child Welfare which is promoting World Children's Day. The Union with its 63 member organizations all over the world, aims to draw attention to its work in helping children in distress, improving child welfare measures and contributing to the moral and physical development of children of all nations.

The late Mr. Charles J. Mitchell was widely known and his death in Ottawa, where he had gone less than two weeks ago to live with his daughter, following his retirement as an active newspaper man, will be learned with very general regret. Mr. Mitchell had been a member of the Charlottetown Fire Department in his earlier days, and as a musician had played with several bands and orchestras in the city. He served on various local newspapers during the past half century, and had a practical knowledge of printing as well as reporting and news editing. He was always reliable, courteous and obliging, and was in every way a first-class citizen.

After a long and distinguished career of surveying and oceanographical research, in the course of which she made the deepest-ever recorded sounding of 5,940 fathoms, H. M. Survey Ship "Challenger" has returned to Portsmouth to become a "Reserve" ship. Many previously undiscovered features have been brought to light by "Challenger", and the geology of rocks beneath the sea surface have been investigated. The eighth ship in the Royal Navy to bear the name, "Challenger" was built at Chatham in 1931. Since 1932 and throughout the war, she has been continuously employed in surveying and oceanographical duties in all parts of the world, from Labrador to the Far East.

Only A Year Away



The Poet's Corner

LOCUST SONG Last movement of the symphony of the year, Dry music signifying summer's end, Though still September noons are sapphire clear And drenched with sun, the shortened days portend A harvest time, a subtle curtain fall, The final amber that invades the leaf; Meanwhile these minstrels sing that this is all, Rejoicing, seemingly, that time is brief. Reap, then, these sultry blue and golden days To hoard against a season's leaner hours, Take pleasure in this aster-colored haze, Last bursting fruits and quickened thunder showers: One night will silver signature of frost, Claim leaf and singers and the song be lost. —Frederick Ebright in the New York Times.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

NEWSPAPER ITEMS

From the Examiner, Aug. 23, 1879. Mr. W. W. Wellner, watchmaker and jeweller, of this city, has presented St. James Presbyterian Church with a handsome gallery clock. The lad Benjamin Frank Messervey, whom we have had occasion to notice in this paper, as having carried off so many of the prizes at the midsummer examination of St. Peter's Boys School, yesterday swam across the harbour, from Pownal wharf to Rosebank. We congratulate the little fellow, but cannot refrain from saying that we think these aquatic feats by growing boys are decidedly dangerous. On Tuesday last in the height of the gale, the Princess of Wales came over from Pictou—astonishing many in Charlottetown on her arrival. The conduct of Captain Cameron on the occasion was commendable. A gentleman who crossed in the steamer St. Lawrence, Capt. Evans, from Summerside to Shediac on Tuesday—the day of the great gale—states that in twenty-five years' experience of steamboating, he does not remember of being out in an equally bad storm. The wind was something terrific, more like a loaded than an ordinary gale, and it blew the water about in great sheets, the air being so filled with rain and spray as to make it impossible to distinguish objects though ever so near.

Party Possibility

(Windsor Star) When the Conservatives are looking around for good young men, they could take a second glance at Mayor J. D. Stewart of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. He is a good administrator and also a good vote-getter. He went into the last war as a junior officer and came out commanding a fighting battalion. There are some good men around the country, if they are only located and encouraged to come forward. Mayor Stewart has friends in Windsor and he knows people across Canada. He is a Conservative and he could do a lot for his party. The Royal Theatre at Copenhagen, Denmark's principal theatre opened in 1746. More than 95 per cent of the nickel produced around Sudbury, Ont., is exported annually.

The Soviet Proposals

By W. N. Ewer, United Kingdom Information Officer

The long and usually polemical arguments which precede actual proposals in Soviet diplomacy are often of more significance than the proposals themselves. This fact I think enables one to unravel the meaning of the much-studied Soviet note of September 28 to the three Western Powers. The proposals themselves are simply a repetition of those made in the note of August 4. There should be a conference to "examine measures for reducing tension in international relations"; another to "discuss the German question." Whether they would meet in sequence or simultaneously is not entirely clear. If that were all there would seem to be no reason why such a suggestion should not be favourably considered by the three Western Governments. But the insistence that the Chinese Communist Government shall take part in the wider discussions makes it impossible that the proposal should be accepted at the present time. That, of course, the Soviet Government knows quite well. It may be that it is in fact no desire for a conference on a condition which it is sure will be rejected in order to be able to accuse the Western Powers of preventing, by their attitude towards the Chinese People's Republic, any serious attempt to ease the tension in international relations.

What then does all this signify? The Soviet Government proposes two conferences. But in each case it is careful to lay down preliminary conditions which it knows to be impossible ones. I am driven to what seems to me the inescapable conclusion that, in existing circumstances, the Soviet Government would find a conference on German problems more than embarrassing. But it cannot admit that. Therefore instead of refusing the three-power invitation it ignores it. But it effectively makes its holding impossible. And it does so in a manner which it hopes will enable it to pretend that it is the Western Powers which are refusing to confer.

NOTICE OF POTATO GROWERS MEETINGS

Sponsored by P. E. I. FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE Monday, October 5th—Morell Hall. Wednesday, October 7th—Summerside High School Auditorium. Friday, October 9th—Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown. All Meetings at 8:00 P.M. The above meetings are called to provide information and an opportunity for discussion and questions on the following matters: 1. Potato Marketing Agreement. 2. The operation of Pools. 3. The Function of the Marketing Agency. 4. Analysis of Market Prospects. Attendance at these meetings will enable potato growers to form a reasoned decision on marketing policy for this year's crop. ROLAND MACDONALD, President. J. L. DEWAR, Secretary.

Notes By The Way

In Los Angeles they've arrested a bookie named Socrates—a name about as appropriate as those given the feminine ones they give to hurricanes.—Hamilton Spectator. A news item in a Finnish magazine reads, in full, as follows: "Thousands getting married: Statistics show that 64,462 persons were married in Finland during 1952. Of these, 32,230 were women".—(London Observer.)

There is no keeping the Japanese down. The latest report is that camel caravans will soon be carrying Japanese goods to remote parts of the world. It's part of an export promotion scheme of the country's minister of international trade and industry. The agency intends to spend some \$140,000 over the next year displaying its textiles, medicines and other wares in the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. The arrival of the caravans will be preceded by lots of publicity, and some orders, it is hoped, may be taken on the spot during the tour.—(St. Catharines Standard.)

It is a good indication of present-day trends in agriculture that farmers have not hesitated to spend the money for the labor-saving machines. If not by direct purchase then indirectly by hiring a custom outfit to come in and do the work. Agriculture is tending more and more to the same outlook as industry. If labor is to be saved, the outlay of funds for machinery is easy to justify. There is little hesitation to spend money to cut down on labor costs, or substitute for a labor force which simply does not exist.—(From Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.)

To complete the equipment of a Stephen Leacock memorial room, McGill is looking for the late humorist's slippers and tobacco jar. No doubt the collection of first editions and "authentic relics" now being assembled will be of some value as well as of public interest. But the author of "Literary Lapses" might have written quite a story about a university that solemnly searches for the slippers of deceased professor in order to show them to posterity.—(Ottawa Citizen.)

Immigration, by increasing our population, and helping to raise our standard of real income, can also help materially to reduce emigration. No wonder, then, that such bodies as the Canadian Chamber of Commerce are calling for an aggressive policy on immigration—one aimed at giving us a population of thirty millions by 1975. Besides bringing about large price-cuts in mass-produced consumer goods, such a large domestic market would make us less dependent on international trade; and such a population would reduce the per capita taxation, as well as easing the defence burden.—(Edmonton Journal.)

The Age Old Story

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

LONDON, (CP)—When a black cat walked into a public house in Battersea and gave birth to kittens patrons gave it a vote of whisky before animal welfare inspectors collected the family.

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