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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest link."

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Apology To Mr. MacDonald

The Guardian regrets that in its issue of yesterday an advertisement addressed to potato growers appeared in which Mr. Donald A. MacDonald, chairman of the Potato Marketing Board, was said to be sponsoring the meetings now being held throughout the Province in an effort to retain his job as the sole marketing agent permitted to buy potatoes.

Germans In Uniform

Before many weeks have passed Canadians may have to accustom themselves to the strange sight of Germans in uniform, training in this country under the provisions of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

It is not unnatural that the prospect of Germans in uniform in Canadian military and air force establishments, as well as on the streets of Canadian cities and towns, may at first seem somewhat incongruous.

The important thing to bear in mind is that the uniform which German servicemen will wear will not be that of the Prussian-style army of Kaiser Wilhelm II, nor yet that of the Wehrmacht of Hitler in World War II.

The most reassuring thing about the rearming of Germany is that it is not wanted by the German people. Moreover, the cost of rearmament today is more than the German taxpayer would willingly face alone.

Dairy Chore Efficiency

Of interest to our thousands of dairy farmers in this Province is an article in The Economic Annalist based on a study of dairy labour requirements on 1,086 Ontario Dairy Herd Improvement Farms.

On the average, 79 per cent of a dairy farmer's income came from dairy animals. Although labour ranks second to feed as a cost item, it was found that little progress has been made in the reduction of the labour needed in the barn since the invention of the milking machine.

Among the farms time-studied there was a wide range in the milking-machine time per cow. The longest average time per cow per farm was 277 per cent of the shortest time.

the cow susceptible to mastitis infection. To avoid this and save labour it is advised that a fast, uniform system of milking be followed.

Great differences in time also occurred among farms in feeding, cleaning and bedding operations. The feeding operations are typical of "other" chore work.

"The time-and-motion method used to examine dairy barn chores in this study," says the report, "is equally effective in studying the processing of most farm commodities and in improving the method of preparation of these commodities for the market."

The Mace

The report that the Hon. Rene Beaudoin, Speaker of the House of Commons, has ordered the Canadian-made spare mace put on display recalls the fact that, unlike that House, the Legislative Assembly of this Province not only does not have a spare but it does not possess a single mace to symbolize the authority of its combined chambers.

The mace, which is traditionally entrusted to the care of the Sergeant-at-Arms, was originally an ecclesiastical weapon. Doughty clerics could go into battle wielding to good advantage an early and heavy form of mace which had the technical advantage of not shedding blood although it could inflict damage through the heaviest armour.

The present mace used by the Canadian House of Commons was presented by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London to replace the original mace which was destroyed by fire on February 3, 1916.

The temporary mace, which has now been put on display, is made of wood but is generally of the same description, including the cypher GR and surmounting royal crown.

EDITORIAL NOTES

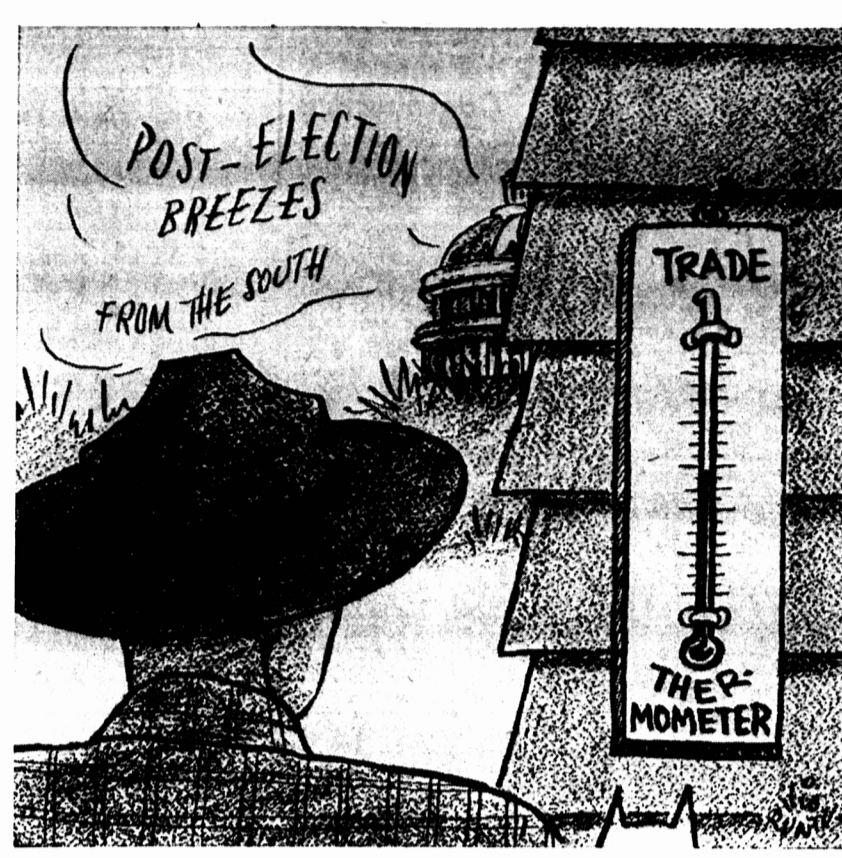
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With A Special Interest

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.

MR. McISAAC REPLIES

Sir,—In reply to a letter which you published in the issue of November 2nd of The Guardian from Mr. J. L. MacDougall, Summerside, some space to clarify the points and accusations which he made must be appreciated.

I had hoped that whatever contribution could be made by attending some of the farmers' meetings in the interests of their organization would be received, without any personal matters being brought up. Unfortunately, however, as is usually the case, when a person tries to do something in the public interest, it results in dragging personalities and other side issues to the fore front in an attempt to confuse the main question.

Perhaps I should first explain that the reasons for personally participating in this campaign. First, I was asked by the producer members of the Potato Board to assist them with some of the meetings. Secondly, because I was asked to attend the Selling Agency last season on a leave of absence from my regular employment and, therefore, an quite familiar with the operations of it. Thirdly, I was Secretary of the Provincial Federation of Agriculture at the time the vote of our producers was taken at the meeting and at that time attended many meetings across the province explaining the details of the proposed Board and Marketing Plan.

Ever since becoming involved in this line of work I have tried to be fair and must say I have only been during the last week that any other suggestion has been made and that by people who would not elaborate on or offer proof of any claims they made.

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The Age Old Story

The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

tion had been made previously and could easily come up again. Therefore, the answer was procured from the accountant who was in charge of the Selling Agency Office last year. It was a table which simply lists the numbers of bushels of potatoes sold through the Selling Agency by the six larger shippers in the Province in their own name. It shows the average premium paid on each bushel of potatoes in excess of what the average selling price actually was during the shipping season. Added to that is the 4c per bushel assembling commission and the 3c per bushel shipping allowance which was allowed and paid to the dealers under the Selling Agency operations last year. The figures are the average for the year, but should give you a close indication of what each of the growers-shippers received in cold cash as a result of the Board Agreement with Ottawa last season. Perhaps this list should be published for the information of our producers.

The figures following the dealer's name in each column represent: (1) Bushels sold through Selling Agency; (2) Bushels at 28.84c premium over sale realization; (3) Assembling commission; (4) Shipping allowance at 3c; (5) Total.

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In closing, I might remind Mr. MacDougall and his associates from Summerside who attended the Wellington meeting that they accepted a challenge from Mr. Yeo and myself to the effect that rather than oppose the proposed marketing policy when attending farmers' meetings and resort to destructive criticism, personalities, side issues, etc., that they submit to the producers of the Province a constructive alternative plan which could be openly studied and discussed from a constructive point of view. The challenge was accepted and it was stated that such a plan would be published shortly. Why, many people would like to know, was such a plan not made available years ago? Or at least, why was it not made available in time to be openly studied and discussed at public meetings across the province well in advance of this Plebiscite? The Potato Board did not hesitate to submit its position openly and to offer to defend it. If something constructive is really going to be done, why wait until the last minute to do so?

The Poet's Corner

ON MALVERN HILL

A wind is brushing down the clover, It sweeps the tossing branches bare, Blowing the posies kestrel over, The crumbling ramparts of the Caer.

It whirrs the scattered leaves before us, Along the dusty road to home. Once it awakened into chorus The heart-strings in the ranks of Rome.

There by the gusty coppice border The shrilling trumpets broke the hall, The Roman line, the Roman order, Swayed forwards to the blind assault.

Spearmen and charioteer and bowman Charged and were scattered into spray, Savage and taciturn the Roman Hewed upwards in the Roman way.

There—in the twilight—where the cattle Are lowing home across the fields, The beaten warriors left the battle Dead on the clansmen's wicker shields.

The leaves whirl in the wind's riot Beneath the Beacon's jutting spar, Quiet are clan and chief, and quiet Centurian and signifer.

—John Maselfield

CHILD PORTRAITS

Mrs. Laura Lyall, artist who died at Toronto in 1930, was noted for her portraits of children.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Many a man is proud of his father and mother merely because they are the parents of a fine fellow like himself. —Guelph Mercury.

A man who climbed a mountain in Alaska came back with his face a muscle. What a grand prok player he would make. —St. Thomas Times - Journal.

A canvasser is one who volunteers to ask contributions for a worthy object. He may protest that he is not very good at soliciting funds. But he will be told not to worry about that as he will be instructed on how to do it. —Guelph Mercury.

Most people will admire the 76-year-old farmer of St. Nicholas de Levis who continues to operate his automobile bought 28 years ago. Oblivious to changing styles, Victor Fillet had some 78,000 miles on his speedometer without having any major repairs to the vehicle. —Quebec Chronicle Herald.

For every man who has been deluded into joining Western freedom to voluntarily take on the chains of Red autocracy, there have been hundreds to flee the grasp of Communism. Included in those hundreds have been more than just a few men, who, in their own right, were as vital to the Russian system as John was to the Allied administration in Europe. —Sudbury Daily Star.

A man's in a fix when he gets a sparkling letter from a friend who apologizes for what she calls her "dullness". Her epistolary lines are touched with wit. She conveys the idea that when he replies openly and to offer to defend it. If something constructive is really going to be done, why wait until the last minute to do so?

I may say, Mr. Editor, that I am not anxious to continue this controversy in the public press on the basis of side issues and personalities. I am willing to meet any group of people from this Province interested in such problems and discuss those issues in a conference of farmers of this Island with their business handled behind closed doors. If they are not willing to assume some of the responsibility for improving the marketing and distribution system of the products which they labour so long and so hard to produce, then all that I and those working with me have to lose is our confidence. I am, Sir, etc.

WEST RIVER BRIDGE

Sir,—It would appear that "South of the River" in his lengthy and verbose dissertation on matters concerning the West River bridge, paved roads, etc., etc., merely shows his chagrin over the recent decision of the present leader of the government to convert promises into realities. As this decision does not happen to coincide with the opinions and personal wishes of the writer, he resorts to sarcasm and rather slighting references to others who have contributed to the Public Forum on the question in both poetry and prose.

What strange people the Premier must think the West River residents are! As soon as a decision is made which undoubtedly will be satisfactory to the majority of the South Siders, some one immediately pops up and proceeds to explain how wrong and foolish in every detail such a plan would be.

And whether the location of the Trans-Canada Highway via Churchhill, New Haven and Clyde River was a mistake or not, what point in discussing it now? It is well on the way to becoming an accomplished fact, and what is done cannot be undone. Personally, I too should have favored the New Argyle route as being much more sensible and feasible. However, I trust that those living along the chosen route of the Trans-Canada who clamoured so loudly to have it go their way, are now well satisfied to be "buried in a hollow" or "raised up on a pinnacle" as the case may be. Anyway, they got what they wanted, so should have no cause for complaint.

It seems hard to understand why certain persons who went all out for the Trans-Canada Highway and bridge at New Dominion are now bitterly opposed to the placing of a local bridge at the same place. Surely it will serve the people of their area just as well, no matter who finances the project.

Your correspondent rather contradicts himself by stating that if the original plan had been carried out "their area would have been fully satisfied," yet in the same breath he decries the placing of a new boat for Rocky Point with twice the capacity of the present one.

If the Government wishes to maintain a pleasure boat for the convenience of tourists, family groups, boys and girls and some citizens of Charlottetown, who do not own cars, all well and good, but I think it is high time a bridge was built which will really benefit the farming population of the South Side, and substantially reduce the distance between these districts and the city of Charlottetown, where all must go to transact business. Not only would the distance be very much less, but the road would be level, and several bad hills on the present route to Cornwall would be avoided.

She possibly could be a better pianist than she is. She dears the parents of a fine fellow like himself. —Guelph Mercury.

A Toronto heart specialist says the husband should "hit the couch for an afternoon nap instead of helping with the dishes." Considering the statistics, which show that in the 85-year-old group there are seven women for every man, maybe the doc's got something.—Brantford Expositor.

It is almost twenty years since a medical doctor and a stockbroker met by accident or by Providence in Akron, Ohio, each was facing rock-bottom as chronic alcoholics, neither of them knowing the way in 1935, the most challenging organization of the 20th century was born—Alcoholics Anonymous, which on the last week-end in October is making history by holding its first annual Western Ontario conference in London, Ontario. —Guelph Mercury.

Two teen-agers stand on the railroad track facing an onrush-train. When the engine is almost upon them they jump—they still can. This, according to one distracted engineer, is the latest desperate diversion of the younger set. The compulsion of youngsters to test their nerve by deliberately fliriting with danger is nothing new. What seems new and depressing is the imaginative sterility of the modern game of "chicken". It requires no skill, no judgment other than a sense of timing, no true spirit of competition, since the only conclusive winner is the dead one. —Detroit News.

Telephone users in this Tele-Phone City of Brantford—and in most other cities, towns, hamlets and districts served by Dr. Bell's great invention—have two pet peeves. The first concerns the nitwit who conceitedly imagines that the person he (or she) is calling is nothing better to do than sit slumped at the telephone waiting for the instrument to ring. Consequently, said nitwit allows about two rings and hangs up, just as his victim arrives panting to lift the receiver and gasp "Hello" into a buzz. The second complaint has to do with the inconsiderate gap-yap, who thinks nothing of keeping a couple of telephones—his own and the talker's (or listener's) on the other end of the connection—tied up for lengthy periods. —Brantford Expositor.

No doubt the Quebec College of Optometrists and Opticians were somewhat surprised to learn from a Massachusetts doctor that the idea that a person sees only with his eyes is old-fashioned. Now, according to the U. S. scientist, it is believed that a person sees not only with his eyes, but with his brain and his whole being. This concept is not entirely new. It has long been known that brain injury could blind people with healthy eyes. But we are only beginning to realize how complicated a process seeing is. Another American scientist points out that a machine along the "electronic brain" model which could do all the things an ordinary person can accomplish with a single glance would have to be as large as the Empire State Building. —London Free Press.

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I.

SHOOTING ACCIDENT

"Mr. John McMaisters met with a serious accident on board the steamer Heather Belle yesterday. While coming from the pier he observed a seal swimming in the Bay close to the boat. Muskiet in hand he concluded to salute his sealship. But John was unfortunate. In loading the gun he did not put a wad in after the bullet and it therefore separated from the charge of powder. The consequence was that on John's snapping the trigger the gun exploded, and a part of the stock came in contact with his hand, injuring it seriously." —The Examiner, Nov. 10, 1952.

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