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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Provincial Produce Inspection

The Newfoundland Federation of Agriculture has gone on record as favoring the inspection of imported produce at the point of entry.

It is quite another story, however, to use such measures as a form of economic protection for Provincial industry.

The Newfoundland farmer deserves well of his Government at St. John's and at Ottawa, but he cannot expect to set up trade barriers within this country for his special benefit.

Dairy Farmers Hit

The Ottawa Journal notes that with all the talk of rising prices and demands for wage increases, a Government publication officially reports one large group of Canadians receiving considerably less income than at this time last year.

The 18 per cent of all milk produced which goes into fluid sales has not changed in price but there have been fairly sharp decreases in the 65 per cent which goes for manufacturing—butter, cheese and canned and powdered products.

"All of which," comments the Journal, "brings up two or three interesting points. How long will farmers keep and feed cows to produce milk at these prices in view of rising costs and the demands for cattle for export and for beef?"

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Unemployment Insurance

In its ninth annual report concerning activities for the fiscal year ended March 31, last, the Unemployment Insurance Commission draws attention to certain remarkable contrasts in the 12-month period.

The report points out that from November 1949 until nearly the end of March figures of unemployment increased. Of course this was the period of seasonal unemployment, but there were other factors which were not seasonal in their nature.

On March 31, 1950, the Commission reports, the balance in the unemployment insurance fund amounted to \$532,645,972. The fund has continued to grow year by year and crossed the half-billion mark in the fiscal year 1948-49.

The report shows that displaced persons have been admitted to Canada to the number of 38,582. The work of placing these persons continued throughout the year but at a slower tempo than in the previous year owing to a decline in requests from employers for emigrant labour.

The personnel of the Commission remained unchanged during the year. The Chief Commissioner is J. G. Bisson, O.B.E., and the other two Commissioners are R. J. Tallon, and C. A. L. Murchison, K.C.

Fish Meal Plant For N.S.

An important order has been secured by a British firm for 3 40-ton "Ferramatic" fish-meal and 4 "Ferramatic" fish-pressing plants for Louisbourg Fisheries Ltd., of Nova Scotia.

Material is fed into a "Ferramatic" hacking machine which breaks it up and passes it to a sterilizer for "cooking". The product appears from the 44-ft. steam-jacketed drying cylinders ready for grinding and bagging.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Federal Government projects here have got a serious set-back as the result of the Baby Budget.

Judging by the prices so far paid by the Government for properties in the vicinity of old Jail Square, the tendency is still upward.

The performance of dragger "Souris II" will be watched with great interest here. Its success will ultimately mean a change in the way of life of fishermen in every fishing village on the Island.

We get summer weather intermittently well into autumn, but it is difficult to take proper advantage of it, especially for the tourist trade, so long as forecasting remains in its present short range stage.

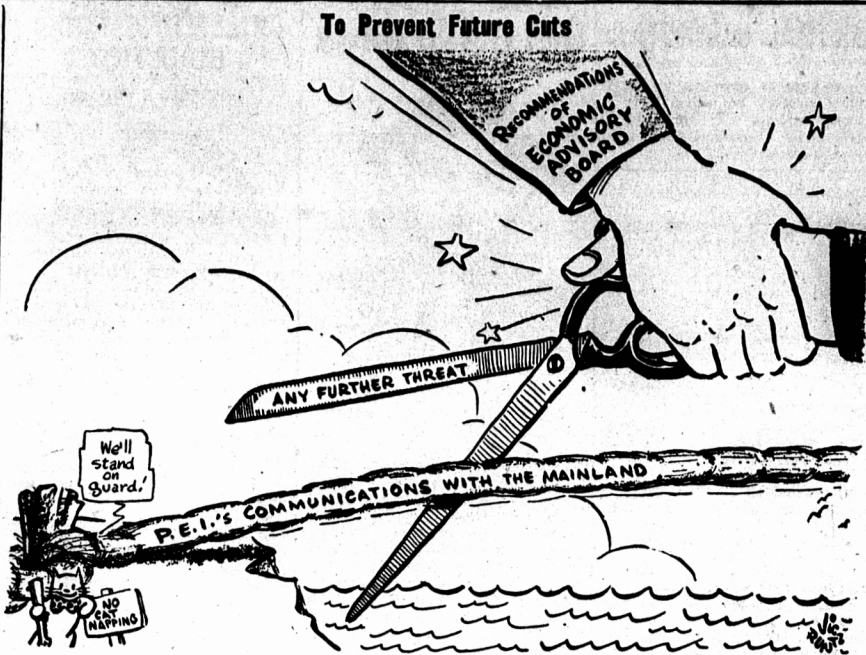
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A beginning is made in the provision of a Provincial Museum by Mr. Bramwell Chandler and Miss Frances Johnston, who are making a survey of the material available before a central place is sought for the exhibition of archival material.

The sea again took its toll last week in the sinking of the Arthena M. with the loss of her captain and his son. The coastwise trade is not held in high esteem by deep-sea mariners, but its followers constantly face perils which their ocean going brethren encounter but rarely.

Parliament's decision not to hold a secret session put the spotlight on a marked difference between the rules of order at Ottawa and at Westminster. In the British Parliament a member has only to say, "I spy strangers", and the galleries are cleared forthwith.

Ben Tillet, M.P., British Labour organizer, born this date 1860. Became a London docker, and founded the Dockers' Union; was one of the pioneers in organizing the General Federation of Trades Unions, the forerunner of the Labour Government.



PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Editor does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

HOMES

Slr—Walking up from the sea yesterday, I was struck afresh by the charm of some Charlottetown homes. The beautifully proportioned and spaced windows, the graceful porches, recalling some of the loveliest of English 18th century porches, the vividness of colouring, red or blue roofs, white walls, red brick chimneys, all standing high in sloping green lawns, gay sometimes with flaming salvia or penulias, trim paths bordered with blue lobelias and white alyssum, the whole stamped, it seemed, with a pattern of gracious living.

I remember other homes I had seen. There was the old, low, whitewashed 16th century farmhouse in the Lake District in England. Its great kitchen had one wall covered with an oaken dresser, where dish racks overhung the old carved breadpress. Another wall space was taken up almost entirely by the hearthplace—a deep-set fireplace with ingle seat at each side. In one corner was a built-in bed press, closed during the day, but opened at night so that the old parents could fall to sleep in the warmth and flickering light of the dying fire.

The Americans are facing stiffening taxes for war purposes and so are the British. Canadians cannot escape the inevitable. If they appreciate the reason why they will also realize the futility of demanding wage increases to replace taxes taken from their take-home pay.

The Hen Supreme

The day is coming when the farmer will put on his Sunday suit before going to the chicken-suit before the rooster will be treated more gently than a prize pig. Our agricultural experts of recent years have concluded that nervous strain afflicts the hen and one of our most respected poultry experts has counselled farmers to be careful to whistle as they approach the chicken-house; otherwise the hens may be unnerved by the door being thrown open suddenly and refuse to be consoled by the good food he gives them.

EARTHQUAKE TOLL

NEW DELHI, Sept. 10 — (Reuters) — Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India announced Saturday night that loss of life in the recent Indian earthquake and flood disaster was "probably not more than 1,000." He made the announcement in a broadcast for funds to help the victims.

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Costs of War

(Toronto Globe and Mail) A torpedo worth \$9,000 in 1945 now costs \$14,000. A mine has gone up from \$800 to \$1,250. A 500-pound bomb that cost \$118 now takes \$160. A Garand rifle has advanced from \$40.00 to \$64.00 a bazooka from \$36.25 to \$122. These are American figures quoted from a recent issue of U. S. News and World Report.

A 2,400 ton destroyer that could be built for around \$10 million would today cost double that figure. There has been an advance in jeeps from \$1,051 to \$2,670 and in trucks from \$3,000 to \$6,200; but in both cases the current models are improvements. Airplane prices have risen correspondingly.

If the cost of equipping a division is taken as the measuring stick, the increase is even more spectacular. The American soldier's pay has gone up. His boots and uniform cost twice what they did. The cost of feeding him has nearly doubled. According to a World Report, the initial cost of an American infantry division has risen from \$14 to \$75 million; an armored division from \$30 to \$200 million.

Some of this increase is the result of technical improvement in weapons and vehicles; some of it is due to sheer inflation. From the taxpayer's point of view the result is the same—a bigger slice off his income for each unit of defence supplied.

The Age-Old Story

The sun shall be no more thy light by day, neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee; but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. The sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself; for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

ARMS FOR GERMANS

BERLIN, Sept. 10 — (AP) — A West Berlin newspaper reported Saturday the arrival of big shipments of new weapons and ammunition from Russia for the Communist People's Police army of East Germany.

For either beauty or pretentiousness.

When grace and colour and beauty could be the treasured qualities of all homes, as in the lovely Charlottetown homes which awake these memories. I am, Sir, etc. RUTH BILLOTTE

The Poet's Corner

Now that the world is all in a maze, Drums and trumpets rending near-ends, Wounds a-bleeding, mortals dying, Widows and orphans piteously crying; Armies marching, towns in a blaze, Kingdoms and states at sixes and sevens— What should an honest fellow do Whose courage and fortune run equally low? Let him live, say I, till his glass be run, And we silently creep away. Let h'm nothing do he could wish Making above named. It is the intention of the brethren to form a Grand Division in the Island as soon as possible. —The Islander, May 19, 1848.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

SONS OF TEMPERANCE

"A Division of this truly philanthropic order was opened here, by Richard George Halls, Esq., D. M. W. P. S. of T., on Thursday last, by virtue of a charter of the National Division of the United States, and under the title of the 'Prince Edward Division, No. 1, Sons of Temperance.' After the members were duly initiated, the following brethren were duly elected: The Hon. Charles Young, W. P.; Lawrence Tremaine, Esq., M. D., W. A.; Messrs. John Pidwell, R. S.; A. A. MacKenzie, A. R. S.; John Davis, Jr., T.; Robert McKinley, F. S.; J. Pippy, C.; George W. Millner, A. C.; Edward Love, I. S.; John Bowers, O. S.; George H. Chudleigh, P. W. P.

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Notes By The Way

Old Dobbin had his faults, but very seldom was the driver of a buggy ever arrested for reckless driving.—Victoria Times.

What really fascinates the normal person about an aquarium is the astonishing likeness its denizens bear to a number of his acquaintances, but the more exotic the fish the less close the resemblance is likely to be. Fill a dentist's aquarium with a nice assortment of dogfish, cod and pike and in the game of matching fish with friend even the dentist himself will be forgotten.—London Times.

A retiring bank manager once boasted that in his whole business life he was not responsible for more than \$125 in bad loans. He was probably trained in the same school as the credit manager of a large oil company whose record was a fraction of one per cent in credit losses. If all banks and credit managers acted on the principle of the tight-fisted individuals mentioned above, then there could be no new business started, no new development and no change whatever in existing business. Risk and mistakes are part of modern business. One never breaks up exactly now a new system or process or product will turn out until it has been tried. Operating a business without risks or mistakes is like trying to run a farm without cropping it or win at bridge without bidding.—Toronto Financial Post.

One of the illusions of our times is that there is only so much work to be done in a country at any time, and the fewer people there are to do it, the more work there will be for each. That, of course, contradicts all our knowledge. All through history, with occasional interruptions, the amount of employment available has increased, not decreased, as population has grown. The theory seems to forget that human beings are not employed for the sole purpose of finding them jobs. As population grows, and standards of living rise, the amount of employment increases. This illusion used to stand in the way of this country being active in encouraging immigration. It was figured that if any more im-

migrants came into Canada, that a number of Canadians would be put out of work. If that be sound economics, then we ought to pray for the birth rate to fall and the death rate to go up. That would seem to be a fine way of making a lot more jobs for the

Among the more interesting political news from the U. S. is the announcement that President Truman had nominated Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York City as American Ambassador to Mexico. Mayor O'Dwyer is one of the more colorful and contentious figures in his country today. He was an Irish immigrant, spent some time as a Brooklyn "cop" turned to law and achieved prominence when district attorney by breaking up some of the more notorious murder syndicates operating in New York. A straight De-mocrat, he has been largely to repudiate the support of Tammany Hall, the traditional machine boss of the party. Just a year ago he was elected to his second term, and soon after the election he suffered from heart trouble and had to "take it easy". His resignation as mayor, for health reasons, has long been rumored. An ambassadorship makes his retirement look much better. It will mean little work and plenty of prestige.—Calgary Albertan.

Referring to recent Soviet approaches to New Zealand about internationalization of Antarctica, External Affairs Minister Hon. F. W. Doidge, said that the Government is fully aware of the strategic importance of this area to New Zealand but would consider any proposals to settle outstanding sovereignty disputes only in consultation with the United Kingdom, Australia, and other interested governments. New Zealand is re- sponsible for the administration of Ross Dependency and while the government is conscious that New Zealand did not participate conspicuously in the scientific discovery of Antarctica, it has for many years often considered sending an expedition to the Ross De- pendancy. Last year New Zealand decided against sending an expedition because of the probable cost of about \$150,000.—New Zealand News Service.

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