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

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Crusoe's Island Crumbling

The island stamped in fiction by a famous footprint—that of Robinson Crusoe's Man Friday—is slowly washing into the Pacific Ocean, reports the National Geographic Society.

It was on 36-square-mile Mas a Tierra that Alexander Selkirk, a Scottish seaman, was stranded from September, 1704, to February, 1709. Although Daniel Defoe picked an island in the West Indies as the locale for his famous novel, "Robinson Crusoe," it was Selkirk's rugged existence on Mas a Tierra that inspired the story.

Mas a Tierra (meaning "nearest to end") long ago attracted scientists. There were 142 species of plants on the island a few years ago, almost two-thirds found nowhere else.

The goats date back to the 16th century. Juan Fernandez, an Andalusian ship's pilot, discovered the islands in 1547 and gave them his name. Shortly afterwards, buccaneers used Mas a Tierra as a hide-out.

Arrangements At Evanston

If delegates to the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois, did not accomplish all they set out to do, the fault was not with the mechanical arrangements that had been made for their convenience.

A 40-line telephone board had been set up for use of the Assembly; in addition, 70 telephones were made available to the 400 newspaper reporters, news agencies, and Church magazine representatives in attendance.

In the field of transportation there was no lack of service. 20 buses ran to and from the various buildings scattered over the campus of Northwestern University; for personal use of delegates and officials the

Ford Corporation had provided 24 automobiles. A staff of 350 workers served the Assembly in one way and another, 20% of whom came from countries outside the United States.

The Cattle Situation

Canada's cattle population has failed to keep pace with her human population over the past 80 years. The Country Guide notes that the present ratio of 0.6 head of cattle to each human is the lowest since Confederation.

Under the impetus of World War II, the total number of cattle on Canadian farms reached a peak, in 1944, of 10.2 million. This dropped back to some 8 million head in 1949, then recovered to 9.3 million by December 1, 1953.

Cattle population has declined in all provinces except Ontario, where the increase was 300,000 head—from 2.8 million in 1944, to 3.1 million at December 1, 1953.

EDITORIAL NOTES

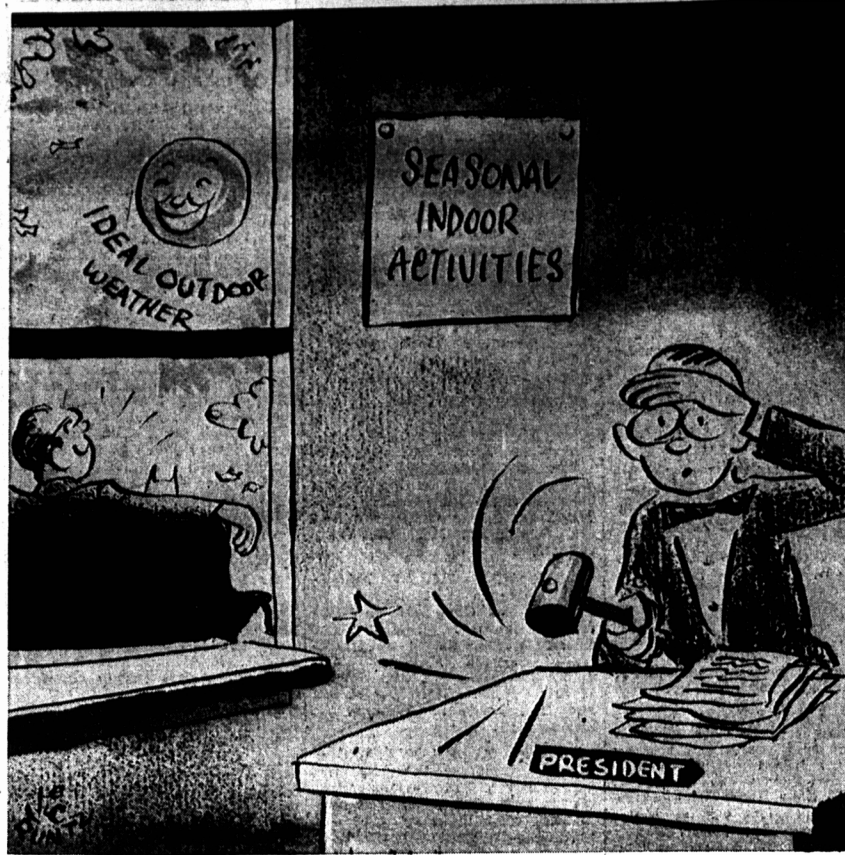
The newly formed Prince Edward Island Chicken Cannery Association is an important body immediately upon coming into existence by virtue of the fact that this Province produces 50 per cent of all canned chicken packed in Canada.

That the .22 rifle is not a child's toy is emphasized once again by the stand of King's County Fish and Game Association. So concerned are members about the misuse of the miniature rifle that it is recommended that it be permitted only on supervised or private ranges.

The term ham, as an uncomplimentary reference to an actor may have originated with Shakespeare, suggests Compton Mackenzie in the Spectator.

Manpower means more to the infantry than to any other branch of the services. It is not surprising, therefore, that it was the Canadian Infantry Association, organization of Canada's infantry officers, that has now called upon the Government to adopt some form of compulsory service to keep the militia functioning efficiently.

Delhi Day, 1857. The Sepoy mutineers had held out during a siege of three months before the city was taken by storm. The great mass of the Indian people and even of the Sepoy regiments were little affected by the mutiny which was, however, a bloody affair in a number of localities.



"Where Is Everybody?"

The Public Forum

PRINCE EDWARD BATTERY AND MAGAZINE

Sir.—Now that the hideous pitched shingled roof has at last been removed from the magazine at what is incorrectly called "Fort Edward" in Victoria Park and an effort made to restore it to at least some extent of its original state, I have been asked by several for information regarding this old defence work.

About 1796 a battery was erected on the river bank just east of what is now Great George Street. It was apparently named Prince Edward Battery.

In reply to an enquiry regarding the early defences of this harbour, Professor D. C. Harvey wrote me on 26th February, 1950. "This he had found a letter dated December 1st, 1804, in which Charles Stewart, overseer of the works in Charlottetown, was instructed by W. Fenwick, Commander of the Royal Engineers here, (Halifax) to undertake the repair of Prince Edward Battery, and if it should appear advantageous for defence to reconstruct it on another site."

St. George's Battery, first erected in 1778 which was the principal work of defence, and which stood on what is known as Dundas Esplanade had a magazine. The site of the Battery was turned into building lots in 1866, and it is possible the magazine was moved from that site to Prince Edward Battery.

A painting made by the late Robert Harris, C.M.G. in 1885, shows the magazine in its present position with a flat roof. An old undated photograph also shows a flat roof. Mr. William Johnson, well known metal worker of this City informs me that about 1890, as a lad, he assisted in repairing a former flat roof, by covering it with chacoquin, and that the inner brick wall and rounded brick ceiling now in the magazine was not then there.

Mr. W. S. Hughes who for many years was in charge of the magazine informs me he cut his initials into the interior brick walls in 1905, but I was unable to find them as the walls and ceiling were since whitewashed. If the memory of my two informants are correct it would appear the interior brickwork was placed in position between 1890 and 1905.

Due to the rounded brick ceiling being higher in the center than the original stone walls, it was necessary during recent repairs to add about twenty inches of stone work to the original walls, so that the whole could be covered with a flat roof.

The Examiner of 1882 states that Fort Edward had just been reconstructed from plans submitted to the Department of Militia and Defence by Mr. Robert Palmer under the supervision of Major Irving on the summer-battle style, which was the most improved system of earth-works. The guns would then be fired over the parapet instead of through embrasures as previously.

GOD'S ACRE

Safe in their alabaster chambers, Untouched by morning and untouch'd by noon, Sleep the meek members of the resurrection, Rafter of satin, and roof of stone.

Light laughs the breeze in her castle of sunshine; Babbles the bee in a stolid ear; Pipe the sweet birds in ignorant cadence.— Ah, what sagacity perished here!

Grand go the years in the crescent above them; Worlds scoop their arcs, and firmaments row, Diadems drop and Doges surrender. Soundless as dots on a disk of snow.

—Emily Dickinson.

THE POTATO BOARD

Sir.—It is not my intention to enter into what to me looked like a useless discussion on the pros and cons of the P. E. Island Potato Board.

But now according to press reports the Government of our Province has allowed itself to be drawn into the picture by what I would call running with the hare and barking with the hound, which is a common practice for some governments. The final result cannot be anything other than another case of where the last state of the man becomes worse than the first. This is not the time for governments to intervene unless they want to sell the farmers down the river after the farmers voted strongly in favour of controlled marketing and even the governments both provincial and federal held the Marketing Act before the farmers of Canada as a means of bringing benefits to those people; and I myself together with the majority of our farmers feel that those benefits are possible under the Marketing Act that cannot be achieved in any other way.

Just a word to the wise, this is it: Keep out of this quagmire it is only a tempest in a teapot, big smoke but no fire. It takes more votes to elect governments than those cast by a few potato dealers and their satellites. That is as I see it from here.

I am, Sir, etc., W. B. McLELLAN, Alma.

LOBSTER SUPPLIES

Sir.—Your item on the front page of Saturday's issue, dealing with the lobster situation is misleading and some statements are incorrect. While it is true that frozen lobster meat was carried inland into the selling period this spring, our packs of canned lobster moved in a normal pattern and the usual stocks were exported out of the Maritime Provinces and the Province of Quebec which would include the Magdalen Islands. The fact that there is no production of canned lobster seems to be forgotten. This was the year that the devastating storm in May nearly wiped out the fishing gear in the Gulf area. Naturally, when compared with the previous year, there are more cases to be marketed this year, the average of a few years, the size of the pack fits in pretty well with the normal average.

This will be more easily seen when the results of the Fall season are added. Or, we might say, when the fact is known that there is no production of canned lobster this fall; and very little production of the cold pack, whose scarcity put shore prices out of the reach of our canners and their plants remained idle. All this has been caused by a very definite drop in lobster landings this fall. This means that whatever cases were produced in the Spring must supply the entire world from now until next May, for there is no other place where lobster is abundant enough to be canned.

The remarks made about the existing stocks in Charlottetown are incorrect. These are about normal for the time of year. The statement concerning the Magdalen is entirely incorrect. The writer has just returned from there and about two-thirds of their production has been shipped with the balance to move this fall.

I am, Sir, etc., S. H. BURROE, Manager of the J. W. Windsor Co. Ltd.

The Poet's Corner

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Old Charlottetown

and P. E. I.

PIONEER ENTERPRISE

"One of the pioneer settlers of this Province was Andrew Macdonald, of the ancient sect of the Clan Donald known as MacIans of Ardnamurchan. In 1772 his relative, John Macdonald, the eighth chief of Glanadale, purchased a large property in Prince Edward Island and, with his family and many relatives, came and settled here. Such favorable accounts were received from them of the productiveness of the soil that Andrew determined to close his merchantile business in Arisaig and follow them. He sent his brother John, known as "Major Ian Mor," to see the land, and he was so satisfied with it that he settled upon it.

It was not until 1806 that Andrew succeeded in closing his business in Scotland. He purchased ten thousand acres of land, then brought his family and a number of other persons who settled on that part of his property about Three Rivers, Lot 22. Shortly afterwards Mr. Macdonald bought the Island of Panmure, comprising upwards of seven hundred acres of beautifully wooded land at the entrance to Georgetown Harbour, and there he located and embarked in the business, exporting timber and building ships to be sold in Britain.

He also established a branch house at Miramichi, N. B., where he did a large and profitable business until the great fire there in 1825, when it is said, five hundred lives were lost, every building being destroyed, along with numerous vessels in the harbour and the forest for hundreds of miles around. After that date he confined his business to Prince Edward Island.

"While on a voyage to England in 1812, accompanied by one of his younger sons, the ship was captured by an American privateer, taken to Charleston, South Carolina, and there the passengers were imprisoned for some time. When their case came before the British authorities and their status as peaceable colonists was established, they were released.

"In 1817 the family residence at Panmure Island was burned, with everything it contained. The loss of all documents connected with the property he had bought before coming out was one cause of Mr. Macdonald being involved in a chancery suit, which continued for many years and resulted in the whole property being sold to pay the costs of the suit. As an instance of his enterprise, it is recorded that after the fire he went to Britain and in the following spring brought out a shipload of bricks with which he erected a new residence, with barn and stables all of brick, these being the first brick buildings on the Island.

"A grandson of Mr. Macdonald was the Hon. Andrew Archibald Macdonald, who was Lieutenant Governor of the Province from 1824 until September, 1827, when he was appointed to the Senate of Canada."

—Past and Present of Prince Edward Island, (1906)

NOTES BY THE WAY

A picture of health always seems to look best framed in a bathing suit. — St. Thomas Times-Journal. Autumn showers are more effective than hurricanes but they get no publicity.—Queph Mrtury.

The sawney may not be all-Canadian, but at the moment the Lake Ontario cross-route is, thanks to Marilyn. — Windsor Daily Star. It doesn't take long for a wife to catch up with a husband's lame excuse. —Kilchener - Waterloo Record.

Another example of poor civic planning is when the "Pioneer Days" beard-growing contest overlaps the corn-on-the-cob season. —Winnipeg Tribune.

A tall tale from the tall timbers comes via Kirkland Lake. A man named Languf left his watch on a woodpile and it (the watch, of course) disappeared. Two days later, says Languf, he noticed a squirrel with a watch clutched in his paws. The owner swung his axe at the rodent, which dropped the time-piece and fled. The watch is still running. So, in all probability, is the squirrel. However, we thought capering about with chronometers was something confined not to squirrels but to the White Rabbit in Alice's Wonderland. — Brantford Expositor.

In one of the newest anecdotes from behind the Iron Curtain it is told that Malenkov listened in on Molotov's conversation with a member of the Western delegation, and heard Molotov say "the times in a row, and then he heard him say "yes." When Molotov hung up, Malenkov, intrigued by that "yes," asked him: "Vlacheslav, what was the question to which you answered 'yes'?" Molotov replied: "He only asked if I had answered the previous three questions with a 'no'." — Ukrainian Commentary.

Three silver teaspoons were delivered at 10 Downing Street as a gift to Sir Winston Churchill from the families of two loyal Dutchmen who were executed by the Germans in 1941. With the spoons was a letter from Mr. J. Heersink, burgomaster of Steenderen, expressing to the prime minister, on behalf of all the inhabitants of Steenderen "sincere admiration and thanks for your indefatigable work in defence of right and liberty." — London Times.

Bureaucratic language has produced many laughs in Washington. One of the latest came with release of the report of the House armed services subcommittee which investigated allegations of "Coddling" of professional athletes. A witness was told to read from the army's official form the description of the civilian occupation of pitcher Dick Brodowski (Boston Red Sox). Here's what was written on the form: "Baseball player, amusement and recreation, played pitcher's position on major league baseball team, threw baseballs to opposing batters, fielded batted balls." —Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Six years from now, much of the world may be using a brand new calendar and one that will not have to be changed every December 31. In fact that date would disappear entirely. The last day of the year would be called Worldday and after it we would start over again with the new year always commencing on a Sunday. This new calendar has been planned for many years but not until the Vatican indicated approval in principle a few weeks ago was there much hope of widespread acceptance. Now the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations has taken up the idea and the views of all established governments are to be sought. —Financial Post.

The decline of the institution of breakfast is continuing nutritionists and their preaching runs against such formidable barriers as the diet craze and the race with time. Breakfast has particularly lost ground with women dieting for slimmness (even though diet authorities generally oppose this approach), with officeworkers wanting to grab an extra minute of sleep, and, above all, with teenagers. Surveys show older girls are the main non-breakfasters. Nearly half say they start for school with no breakfast at all or without any solid food. Two thirds of all students are said to have bad breakfast habits. Yet the National Research Council has recommended that breakfast include one third of the day's requirements of nutrients. —Washington Post.

The labor movement has contributed to civilization, not merely because it has introduced reasonable hours of work at a reasonable wage, but because it has freed humanity from the horrible and contemptible situation that there should be something about working with one's hands. The old-fashioned Chinese aristocrats used to cultivate three and four-inch fingernails, carefully protected by silver stalls, to show that they could not possibly engage in any manual work. Our own aristocrats of little more than a century ago used to wear flowing lace cuffs for exactly the same reason. Our progress in civilization is indicated by the fact that we no longer regard long fingernails and lace-covered hands as badges of the aristocrat, but as badges of the parasite. —Vancouver Sun.

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