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The Cancer Campaign

The City objective of \$5,000 in the 1950 cancer campaign is a comparatively small amount in view of the great importance of the work on which the money will be expended.

As pointed out in recent news items, the Canadian Cancer Society is essentially a lay organization, sparked by public spirited citizens who have devoted freely of their time and means to promoting its activities.

Thanks to the success of previous efforts in this direction, cancer patients are being treated earlier than ever before. This fact only accentuates the great advantages that would accrue from making this practice general throughout Canada.

Language He Understands

Britain's Defence Minister, Emanuel Shinwell, has announced that the United Kingdom would be able to provide 10 divisions within a year to meet any European emergency.

Canada's response, apart from supplying three warships and a transport squadron, has been to begin the creation of a brigade for Korean service and the statement of Prime Minister St. Laurent that no allied government has asked Canada to send troops to Europe and that his cabinet is not considering such a move.

The question that must be answered is what action is most likely to dissuade Russia from plunging the world into war? Offers of financial and material assistance to Europe have been made by this country and are of great value, but as long as we stand unready to supply our share of trained troops to meet the common peril we are not doing all that we should to avert the catastrophe of a third world war.

The Government's point, that maintenance of a large expeditionary force in Europe in time of peace is too great a burden on this country, is certainly not without force but it should be practical to have such a force ready and trained in Canada to be available on very short notice when needed.

Turning The Dollar Tide

The prospects are that Canada may be able to balance her dollar account with the United States much sooner than even the experts had expected, says the authoritative London Economist.

First is the substantial increase in Canadian exports to the United States, which have risen from a monthly \$83.7 million in 1947 to \$125 million in 1948 and 1949, and to \$146 million in the first five months of 1950.

Second, there is the effect of ECA "off-shore" purchases made in Canada by the United Kingdom and European countries, and paid for with Marshall Plan dollars from the U. S. Treasury.

Third, there is the effect of the 1947 Geneva tariff concessions, which, says the Economist, now give Canada in many important lines the lowest United States duties in living memory.

Finally, there is the factor of Canadian import controls, now practically reduced to the vanishing point, to be considered. Import controls, the Economist believes, have

been much overrated in terms of the benefits they are supposed to have wrought in restoring Canada's dollar trade balance, which, in point of fact, has improved much more rapidly since controls were relaxed than it did while they were in force. Add these several circumstances the effect of United States defence purchasing now operative in Canada, and it is pretty clear that the dollar problem is no longer of significance.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Cancer Campaign opens today.

Trade and Industries Fair Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Windsor, Ont., has just started a clean-up of its garbage mess to begin a police commission clean-up.

The large numbers of Islanders seeking their fortune in oil-rich Alberta may some day make that Province rival the "Boston States" as a colony of this Province.

The dust of threshing is a more serious hazard than generally realized. A spark is often all that is needed to produce an explosion or at the very least a serious flash fire.

The Bureau of Statistics' estimate that Canada's population reached 13,871,000 at July 1st will not be the signal for widespread rejoicing. This country is growing, but not at the rate at which it could and should.

Unless the remunerations of M.P.s and Senators are increased it looks as if we will have to return to financially independent members to represent us at Ottawa, now that an all round year of Parliamentary session is suggested.

Big liners were supposed to be on the way out before the First World War. The magnificent record of the Queens and now the announcement of the United States Government that it is taking over the mammoth 48,000-ton liner now building at Newport News, Va., indicates that the days of the big ships are far from numbered.

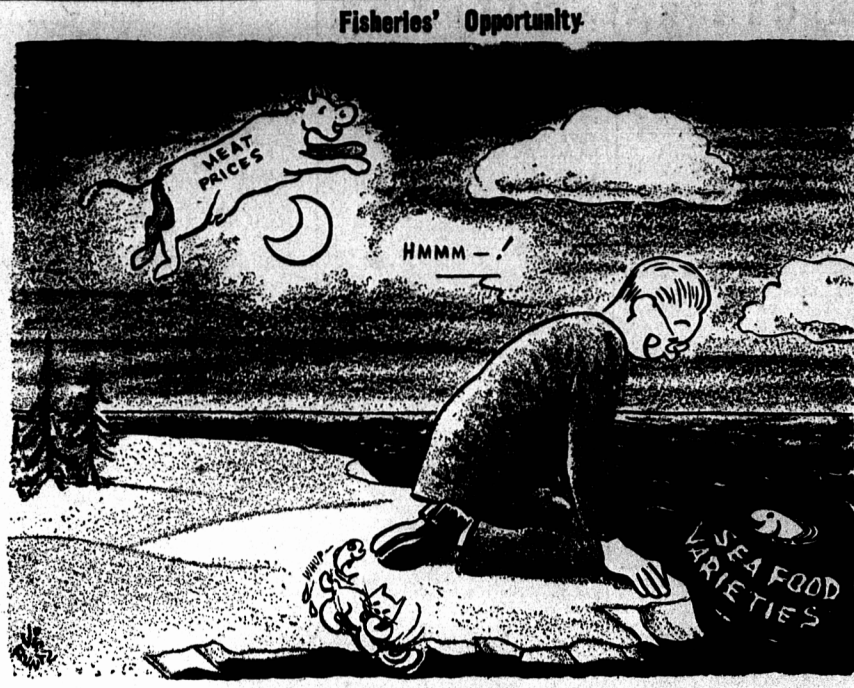
Nova Scotia apple growers are experiencing the misfortune of having all their "eggs" in one basket. Safety lies, as Dr. James Robertson convinced Prince Edward Islanders, that mixed farming is the salvation of those who depend on the soil for a living. Better have half a dozen diversified crops than having the bulk of the acreage in one.

More than 80 representatives of all classes of railway workers from Britain, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Italy and Turkey are on their way over for a 7-weeks' tour of railways and allied shipping installations in Canada and the U. S. A. The object of the tour is to improve production and co-ordination in Marshall Aid countries.

The joint meeting of Canadian and American bar associations in Washington should bring home to laymen the fact, well known to lawyers, that legal differences between the United States and Canada are not markedly greater than between State and State or between Province and Province.

Henry Peter Brougham, 1st Baron Brougham and Vaux, born this date 1778. English Lord Chancellor. As Queen Caroline's attorney-general his management in 1820 of her case won him fame. Was unpopular as a politician. Versatile, egotistical, turbulent, he is chiefly remembered as a law reformer and as an author.

"Pakistan, whose Premier recently visited Ottawa, is now the name of the fifth largest nation on the planet, the Moslem power which is more populous than all the others combined," states A. Burk Summers in an article in the United Nations "World" Magazine. He continues that although Pakistan is very largely an unknown quantity to Americans, it is something to be considered very seriously in world politics, as the briefest of examination will show. The creation of Pakistan as a separate state was widely considered a "student's scheme", "impossible", "undesirable" almost until, on August 15, 1947, it became a reality. And in looking back it now seems clear that any other solution was always impossible and even undesirable. The "student's scheme," now approaching its third birthday has a balanced budget, a favourable balance of trade, an independent foreign policy (sympathetic to the Arab League), a stable government and a better standard of living than its neighbors. It feeds itself and has a net surplus of food for export.



Fisheries' Opportunity

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.

THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN 1951

Sir, - Prince Albert, beloved consort of Queen Victoria, was the moving spirit of the great Exhibition of 1851 in England. The Crystal Palace, huge, ornate, a glass and iron monument to most of the characteristics of Victorianism, was built especially to house the marvels of British nineteenth century trade and invention. It was a magnet that drew not only Londoners who thronged it daily, but great numbers of overseas visitors, aged to see and buy the products of Britain's age of industrial development. Victoria and Albert are now a part of British history. The Crystal Palace was destroyed by fire a few years ago, the desire to put British goods and activities in a national shop window has been less in evidence during recent years than in several other countries.

Next year however, the centenary of the Crystal Palace exhibition, Britain is again to show the world - and her own people - what she can do in industry, in science, in invention, painting, music, drama, and indeed in all human activities. A great hall is again being built in London, but not this time of glass. A fine concert hall, equipped with all the latest developments in seating, lighting, acoustics, foyers, artists' rooms, and so on, will fill the gap left by the destruction of the Queens' Hall during the last war.

Not London only, but many of Britain's great cities are scheduled for the exhibition of suitable local industry and culture. Others will be centres for drama, music, opera - places like Edinburgh, Stratford, Malvern, Bath, Chester, Norwich will hold their usual annual festivals in surroundings steeped in history, and will present plays from Shakespeare to Shaw and Priestley; music from Purcell to Vaughan Williams, Benjamin Britten, and Alan Rawsthorne; Glyndebourne will be the Mecca for those pilgrims who love opera; every art gallery in the country will exert itself to exhibit the masterpieces of painting and sculpture from the miniatures of the Tudor Hilliard to the great portrait painters, Reynolds, Lawrence and Gainsborough, up to the very latest schools of men like Henry Moore, Dobson, Piper, and Ben Nicholson. Libraries, museums, colleges, schools, every aspect of British life will be on show.

What then about the smaller towns and villages? Are they to share only in the activities of the great towns and cities? Indeed no. That would be to prevent only a part of Britain's life. As one member of the Arts Council put it, "We want every Briton to remember that this is to be his festival, mainly. A festival means 'a merry-making.' We want every town and village to do its utmost to make its real life visible, to hold its flower-shows, poultry and agricultural shows, to present its amateur plays, give its concerts, hold its meetings, or even just to make its home and gardens as clean, fresh and beautiful as possible.

It is an inspiring ideal, and is especially remarkable at a time when Britain is still not clear of the austerity which has disciplined her since the much harsher discipline of the war ended. It is a tribute to the perseverance and determination that have brought the country near to closing a terribly adverse trade balance and to putting an almost bankrupt economy on to a surer footing.

If anyone really wishes to know the truth about Britain's courage, determination, and achievement since 1945 - May to September, 1951, the Festival of Britain, will present a unique opportunity. I am, Sir, etc., RUTH SILLITOE

The Age-Old Story

He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding.

SHIP REPAIRATIONS Finland will deliver 143 ships to Russia this year as reparation payment.

The Poet's Corner

TWO SONNETS

Saints have adored the lofty soul of you, Poets have whitened at your high renown. We stand among the many millions who Do hourly wait to pass your pathway down. You, so familiar, once were strange: To live as of your presence unaware. But now in every road on every street we see you straight and steadfast signpost there. I think it like that signpost in my land Hoary and tall, which pointed me to go Upward, into the hills, on the right hand. Where the mist swim and the wind shriek and blow, A homeless land and friendless but a land I did not know and that I wished to know.

Such, such is Death: no triumph no defeat: Only an empty pail, a slate rubbed clean, A merciful putting away of what has been. And this we know: Death is not Life effete, Life crushed, the broken pail, we who have seen. So marvellous things know we'll end not yet. Victor and vanquished are a-one in death: Coward and brave; friend, foe. Ghost do not say, "Come, what was your record when you drew breath?" But a big blot has hid each yesterday. So poor, so manifestly incomplete. And your bright Promise, withered long and sped. Is touched: stir, rise, opens and grows sweet And blossoms and is you, when you are dead.

-Charles Hamilton Sorley. (Killed in action, Aug. 13, 1915, at the age of twenty.)

Horns That Talk

(Guelph Mercury)

It is surprising how frequently the manner in which a motorist sounds his horn is indicative of his own character. A drive on any heavily-traveled highway will reveal this to anyone with a keen ear and a power of observation. There are many persons, like the lady who was anxious to purchase a horn that snored, who manage to convey the impression of their superiority over the rest of mankind by the manner in which they signal to pass, or warn a pedestrian. With them, the signal is an assumption of right. Then there is the arrogant driver whose fierce, loud blast is a command and whose car-splitting racket is terrifying even to an experienced driver. The humorist is evident by his manner of doing his best to imitate the closing notes of a jazz band, while the timid, diffident individual "toots" squeakingly and with a certain deference which seems inherent in his horn. The appearance of the car is frequently no criterion. Witness the musical notes, expressive of lightness and cheer, which are frequently attached to the largest and most impressive appearing automobiles. On the contrary, a battered vehicle, with little more appearance than a decadent, ash receptacle, may have a particularly fierce and obnoxious noise. There is probably a moral to this, but like most morals it is all the better for being submerged in the matter because, in all likelihood, nothing can be done about it in any case.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) A MAN FROM LLOYD'S

"Numerous have been the cases that have fallen under the cognizance of the writer, where in dispute between the shipbuilder and contractor it has turned out that the vessel in question has been insufficiently bolted and caulked, knees apparently sound on the first view, have upon examination turned out defective in the heart; every kind of artifice was resorted to in order to conceal latent defects, and at times such an exposure of utter recklessness and want of principle as made him shudder. It gave us great pleasure when we heard it announced that a building surveyor from Lloyd's had arrived and intended to take up his residence among us, for the express purpose of examining into the construction of vessels while on the stocks, and keeping an eye upon them from the laying of the keel to their sailing out of the harbour. We took the liberty of waiting upon him, and were highly gratified at the open, frank, gentlemanly manner in which our advances were received by Mr. Coker. "Shipbuilding is the only manufacture - if it may be so called - of any extent, that we have in the Island, and as it constitutes a considerable item in our articles of export, it is of first importance that it be maintained at the highest standards. . . . It will be easily conjectured, that no contractor will omit in future specifications a condition that the vessel shall be duly surveyed according to the instructions from Lloyd's, and that the certificate of their surveyor shall be decisive as to whether the contract has been duly executed or not. In truth, no owner will venture, we should think, to send his vessel to sea, without having first submitted her to this proof of her soundness, as any reluctance or unwillingness so to do, is a species of negative evidence that there is something in her construction or equipment that will not bear inquiring into."

-Hazard's Gazette, Feb. 9, 1856.

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Notes By The Way -

The federal government's much-heralded "New Deal" for the Indians has turned out to be a misdeal. A lot of preliminary work went into the drafting of the new bill; but it has satisfied nobody - especially the Indians themselves. -Calgary Herald.

The Scottish Professional Pipers' Association has instructed its members to boycott the Highland Games at Cowal, Scotland, because the prize money is insufficient. Now people allergic to bagpipes know that money is more powerful than art and can buy their peace accordingly. -Ottawa Journal.

A wonderful new "brain machine" is being developed which will translate foreign languages literally. What newspapers want, however, is a machine that would enable public speakers who complain that they are being misreported to say what they think they are saying instead of what they really do say. -Peterborough Examiner.

A British Army court martial has decided that it is no crime to kiss a girl in the dark, at a party. This ruling seems, like a work of supererogation, for the practice is well established and of long standing. Whatever Blackstone and other authorities may say about it, there is a wealth of precedents. Common law and practice, it would seem, long since established the principle that a pretty girl who lingers on a dark terrace at a party may expect to be kissed. Indeed, she may be disappointed if she is not! -Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

In neighboring Nova Scotia a moose stepped on to the highway in front of a car driven by Mr. W. M. MacDonald, of Port Howe, who promptly jammed on the brakes. The moose, according to press reports, sniffed the auto from bumper to bumper, then got behind and pushed it 30 yards. Now this is probably the first instance of a moose pushing a vehicle. But in this part of Canada, years ago, moose were often broken in and used to pull sleds. An Amherst man with a tame moose tested the animal's speed against that of many a racehorse on the road from Amherst to Sackville - and never lost. -Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

Delhi's Hospital for Birds - the only one of its kind in Northern India - is soon to have a three-story building of its own to accommodate the growing numbers of sick and injured "patients". Established 20 years ago by a philanthropic Jain family of Delhi the hospital at present consists of a dispensary which stocks unusual, survedic, and allopathic medicines; a general ward and a number of boxes which serve as special wards for cases which need segregation. A full time bird doctor and dispenser look after patients of whom over 1,000 pigeons, parrots, crows, sparrows and even kites - are admitted as inpatients every month. For any patient admitted sick or injured, tame or wild, no fees are charged. But after recovery the birds are not given back to their owners. They are set at liberty. - Indian Information

Swedish scientists are considering the possibility of increasing the size of the human being. Some little guys might like that but a more popular move would be to reduce the size by six or eight inches - at the waist. -Ottawa Citizen.

Prime Minister Menzies, of Australia, has suggested the formation of a Commonwealth division for the war in Korea. Coming from Mr. Menzies, this proposal does not astonish us at all. The Prime Minister of Australia is an old-school imperialist. . . . Mr. Menzies commits a grave error when he asks for the formation of such a brigade. As we have already said, the word Commonwealth is synonymous with imperialism to the people of Asia. By demanding the formation of a Commonwealth division is the best possible way to play the game of Communist Russia which does not cease to exploit the just resentment of the yellow race against the past imperialism in Asia of the Great Powers. - Le Droit, Ottawa.

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