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A Matter Of Convenience

It will be recalled that when the Suez crisis was at its height Prime Minister St. Laurent and External Affairs Minister Pearson publicly—and loudly—declared that the British-French action in Egypt dealt a heavy blow to the Commonwealth.

The talk now is that a meeting of Prime Ministers will be held in London this coming summer, probably in late June or early July. In view of Mr. St. Laurent's and Mr. Pearson's profound concern for Commonwealth unity, it might reasonably be thought that they would react most favorably to the suggestion.

Touching on the proposed meeting, the Edinburgh Scotsman in a recent issue observed that "close support of Canada is important for the maintenance of good relations between Britain and the United States."

Standard Of Living

As a correspondent pointed out in the Public Forum a day or two ago, there is far too much talk in these Atlantic Provinces about the "lower standard of living" which is alleged to be part of our destiny.

No doubt, there are richer places in Canada, from the dollars-and-cents angle, than the Maritimes. But there are plenty of poorer places, too; many of them in Ontario, which for some reason is always held up as the fair land par excellence.

would be if Federal authorities would stop their incessant chattering about the disadvantages which Maritimers have to contend with and pay more attention to their just rights which were formally recognized in the Confederation pact but which have never been acknowledged in any practical manner.

Fine Tourist Literature

A most attractive assortment of tourist literature is available this year through the Prince Edward Island Travel Bureau, which should prove of great value both in interesting prospective visitors and in providing information for them when they come.

Our bathing beaches, golf courses, fishing and hunting facilities, harness racing and other sports, churches and colleges, shopping and farming centres—all these and other subjects are well covered. One pamphlet deals entirely with tourist accommodation, listing, with descriptive detail, all our hotels, motels, tourist cottages and homes.

It is a pleasure to browse through this literature, and we suggest that our readers drop in at the Tourist Bureau headquarters and sample it for themselves.

EDITORIAL NOTES

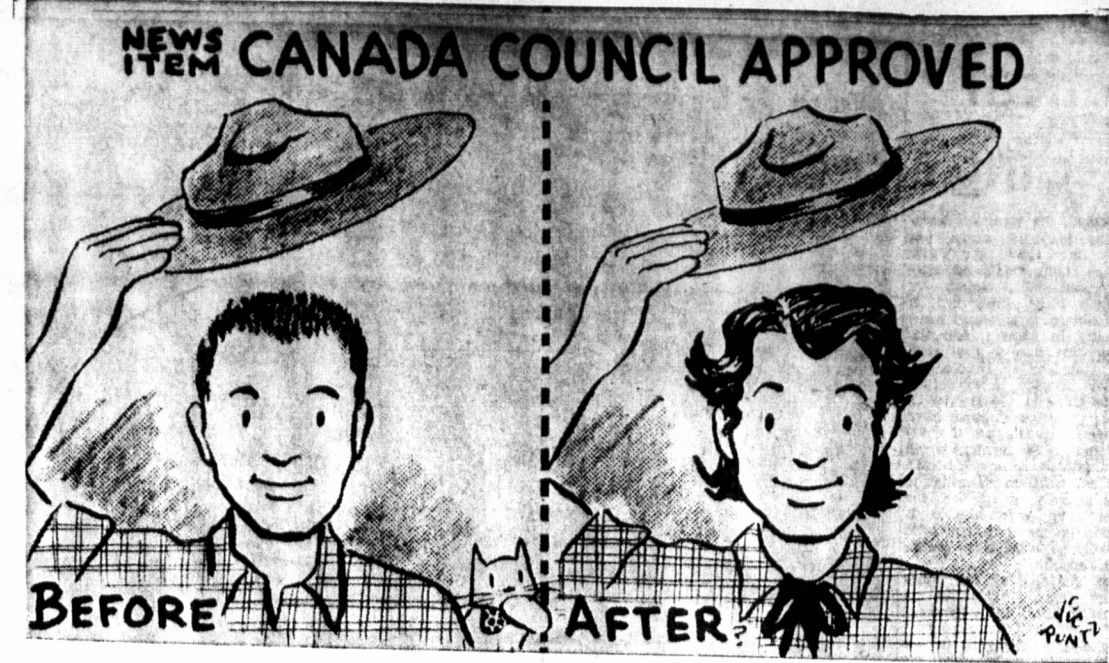
Israel has at least one staunch friend in the Commons. Mr. Coldwell, CCF leader, said in a recent statement that "in trying to force her to withdraw without guarantees, the United States and the other members of the U.N. are being unfair to Israel and short-sighted from the point of view of world peace."

It has been announced that a Royal Commission to review the terms of Newfoundland's union with Canada will be appointed "soon." The Newfoundland Government has had a Royal Commission working on the subject for some time.

Egypt has signed an agreement which protects the "legal rights" of members of the U.N. Emergency Force. So perhaps the force won't be incorporated into the Egyptian army after all.

The U.S. surplus disposal program has moved six billion dollars' worth of farm surpluses into the world market, in the past three and one-half years. This figure includes deals for local currencies, barter, giveaways, and the recently launched competitive-bid cotton export program.

Two veterans of Provincial politics, Mr. S. S. Hessian, Q.C., and Mr. George Saville, both of Fifth Kings, will fire the first oratorical volleys at this year's legislative session. The moving and seconding of the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne are highly important functions. Usually, they are performed by freshmen, a practice for which it is difficult to find any authority save that of custom.



The Learning Process

Excerpts from the annual report of Dr. Sidney Smith, President of the Board of Governors, University of Toronto

We cannot streamline the learning process. Some persons do not accept the foregoing assertion. We are told that the age of degrees by television is at hand; the student of the future, armed with a printed course outline and a mimeographed reading list, will tune in his professors from the comfort of his armchair and make notes if mimographed lecture notes have not also been supplied to him.

"All the first violins were playing identical notes; this seems unnecessary duplication. If a large volume of sound is required it could be obtained by means of electronic amplifier equipment. Much effort was absorbed in the playing of thirty-second notes, this seems an excessive refinement. It is recommended that all notes be rounded up to the nearest eighth note. If this were done it would be possible to use trainees and lower grade operatives more extensively. There seems to be much repetition of some musical passages. Scores should be drastically pruned. No useful purpose is served by repeating on the horns a passage that has already been handled by the strings. It is estimated that if all redundant passages were eliminated, the concert time of two hours could be reduced to twenty minutes."

Efficiency defeats itself if the aims of the educational endees are lost. The result of assembly line methods would not be higher education; indeed it would not be education high, low or medium.

We are trying in Ontario to learn which high school pupils are best equipped for university work. If and when we find out, we still cannot conscript them into college, nor can we force them to work if they come. It used to be believed that lack of money was the barrier keeping many good students from the universities, and I am sure that this is true in many cases.

The opinion of most Maritimers on the Gordon Commission report was well expressed by Angus MacLean, M.P. for Queens, P.E.I., when he agreed in the House of Commons recently that the Commission had done a great service to the Maritimes in pointing out the difficulties under which we labor but that it grossly underestimates the potential of these provinces.

We might add in this connection that all the blame for indifference to Maritime difficulties cannot be laid on Ottawa. Until recently the leaders of our provinces have seldom conferred, seldom agreed and seldom spoken in unison on our regional problems. Readers of Hanzard have often been surprised to find that, with some notable exceptions, the championship of Maritime rights has come from spokesmen from other provinces who have recognized that our regional problems are problems which concern the nation as a whole.

demands; and all of us, parents, eradicate the criminally common belittlement of scholarship that has spread like a virus throughout schools. Life is more than learning, but living without the love of learning is less than life. FACULTY OF ARTS A cynic might say that the arts and science faculty "divisa est in partes tres" — the humanities which have the prestige, the physical sciences which have the money, and the social sciences which have the students.

The important distinction to bear in mind is that arts studies are intrinsically valuable. If in the next ten years they come to be treated merely as means to other ends, merely as useful background to professional training, the faculty of arts will lose its motive power and become a service station for the ambulances, the lorries and the bulldozers. DEMAND ON INCREASES The demand for arts graduates is already very great and will undoubtedly increase. Many of the leaders of Canadian industry who conferred recently at St. Andrew's New Brunswick, mentioned their need for good B.A.'s and their hope that the crucial shortage of engineers and scientists would not cause an imbalance in the universities that would endanger their integrity and effectiveness.

I believe that the traditional academic structure of universities can be saved—but it is worth saving? There are many who tell us that in this electronic age, when hundreds of traditional skills and attitudes are becoming obsolete, the era of the expert has arrived; and that of the scholar is gone; that a mechanized economy has no understanding of, or patience with, the ivory tower; and that frustration and defeat are in store for us if we oppose our attempt to modify the trend of the times.

Obsolescence, they say, is a concomitant of progress. But surely the individual must use his judgment to decide whether any given change represents real progress or not, and, if it does not, resist it. The attitudes of a liberal in Nazi Germany or a Christian in Bolshevik Russia would have been called obsolescent, and in our own country we went through a phase when hard work in school was so described, in the name of progressivism, in many quarters. Not to labour the point, we may confidently resist the mechanization of universities until the inventors have produced the automatic pupil and the robot professor.

Time To Speak Unitedly

The Maritime Co-operator

recommendations for the Maritimes few will disagree. They are: 1. Maritime potatoes have to find markets in the United States over a tariff of 35 cents a hundred-weight and that on a quota. On the other hand, United States potatoes come into Canada duty free except during six weeks of each year. This situation should be rectified.

2. The Maritime Freight Rate Act should be amended immediately to restore the benefits the act originally contained. 3. The cannibalization of small industries in the Maritimes by large industries from Central Canada should be prevented. 4. If markets for the produce of the Maritimes were found in other parts of the world, "this might not only stimulate the business of the Maritimes but it might create a new industry, that of the merchant marine again, for Maritime enterprise."

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.

POTATO INSPECTION

Sir.—I wish to reply briefly to a letter which appeared in your issue of Feb. 13th under the name of Mr. Knud Jorgensen. It quoted with reasonable accuracy the headlines of The Guardian of February 9th, but immediately thereafter contained, in quotes, remarks which were not made in that report.

While I have not been included with those who Mr. Jorgensen suggests "squeeze" the P.E.I. Farmer, I feel obliged to stand up for our local newspapers as well as for our local inspectors, both of whom I believe to be among the greatest champions of the interests of our farmers.

1. His conclusion is somewhat far-fetched when he attributes to too stringent potato grades the departure of the Island's youth. 2. P.E.I. is still a large producer of table turnips of highly acceptable quality. 3. A 2 1/2 inch grade is less objectionable than an Island grower than to a Maine grower because in most cases the Island grower can market his undersize potatoes as Certified Seed, often at a premium over No. 1's.

4. If, as Mr. Jorgensen suggests, half the potatoes are picked out here in order to meet grade standards, and the other half picked out when they arrive in Ontario and Quebec, how do we account for the fact that this industry brings back to the farms of Prince Edward Island an average of \$7,000,000.00 per year. I am, Sir, etc. E.W. CAMPBELL Manager P.E.I. Potato Marketing Board

MARITIME INDUSTRIES

Sir.—Referring to the Gordon Report about the lack of industries in the Maritimes, it might be profitable to make labels for Canadian goods. I have often noticed that some articles have labels "Made in the U.S.A." Competing against a tariff on these might make it pay. Also raising and canning popcorn would be possible in this latitude. That would give a year round industry, growing it in summer and canning in winter.

Laying out suitable community centres for retired people from other parts of Canada and the States would be another profitable enterprise. Tourist trade would be increased if direct airplane service could be arranged between New York and Boston to P.E.I., with U-Drive-It service available on the Island. I am, Sir, etc. HELEN MERRILL Crapaud, P.E.I.

Books Reviewed

A CHANGE OF PACE, Bruce West. Published by the University of Toronto Press, \$3.50. This is a lazy man's book. One can leisurely pick it up and lay it down at will and savour sweet satisfaction.

The author, formerly a columnist for the Globe and Mail, presents a potpourri for all tastes. He meanders from subject to subject with the grace and ease of a country stream. Nothing bothers him and yet in places one can readily find shoals of criticism, like shoals and sand bars on a river bank. The gentle humour creeps in as swiftly as a grin passed over one's face. The reader often meets himself in situations with which he is familiar.

This is a well titled book. The pace is a crawl but a happy and adventuresome experience for those who enjoy good writing with good thinking; a combination seldom reached by the modern writers of today. It is satisfying to know that Canadian writers are still writing about the life around them and not taking detour excursions of fact and fiction into far fields. we in the Maritimes feel that the rest of Canada cannot obtain, even for \$100,000.00. REBELLION VIOLENCE ALGIERS (AP)—Seventy-three persons were killed and four were wounded in the last 24 hours in violence connected with the Algerian nationalist rebellion against French rule. The French said their forces wiped out 60 rebels in mountain fighting.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. MIGRAINE HEADACHES STRIKE CHILDREN, TOO

Most children have headaches from time to time. That's not too unusual. But if your youngster has them regularly, or even frequently, better have him see your physician. It may be migraine.

Surprisingly enough, children can have migraines just as readily as adults. In fact, cases of migraine have been reported in children only 1 1/2 years old.

AVERAGE CASE A Mayo Clinic study by Drs. Edmund C. Burke and Gustavus A. Peters has developed an "average" case of child migraine. Let's see how your youngster compares to this average case. Generally, attacks occur in a 7-year-old boy, although ages, of course, vary and girls can be stricken almost as readily as boys. This young migraine victim is a good student, but he is nervous and somewhat emotional.

His headaches usually begin in the afternoon most frequently, during school months. FRONTAL HEADACHE When he comes home he is rather pale and complains of a frontal headache. Surveys show that many times such headaches are precipitated by emotional or physical exertion, movies, television or bright sunshine.

Anyway, his mother gives him an aspirin and put him to bed. Since the light seems to bother him, she darkens the room. Before long, the youngster becomes nauseated and vomits several times. However, all cases of migraine don't bring on vomiting. Then some youngsters complain of dizziness, fever, blurred vision and frequent urination. But this, as I said, is the average case.

Eventually, the child falls asleep. When he awakens in the morning the migraine is gone. This same pattern is the average patient is repeated every two or three weeks.

FREE IN SUMMER

During summer vacation, however, he may be completely free from such distress. The mother of this average migraine case also experiences migraine headaches, usually about once every month, except during pregnancy.

So check your youngster's headache reports against this average case of migraine. If you see any similarity at all, consult your doctor. QUESTION AND ANSWER T. F.: Can a neurosis cause ulcerative colitis? Answer: There is some evidence that nervous disorders have a relationship to ulcerative colitis. However, the exact cause for this condition has not, as yet, been discovered.

The Age Old Story

The Lord knoweth the days of the upright; and their inheritance shall be forever.



WINTER AFTERNOON HOUR At this moment my room begins to glow; Walls start to breathe; each picture has an eye that beams approvingly as I pass by. My eager chair warms to me, glad to know, my work is finished. All is spick-and-span, and I can go where I want to go. It knows—my room—my secret heart. The books that expect me. On shelves that were too straight, they almost move a little; they cannot wait, it seems, so anxious for my looks. Outside my window, earth is brown, sky is evening gray and damp with weather. I turn the light on and we all sit down—walls, pictures, chair, and lamp—companionably, in circled warmth, together.—Helen Harrington in the Christian Science Monitor.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A U.S. sports writer describes hockey as "Canada's favorite outdoor sport." Presumably the outdoor part is while you are looking for a place to park.—Peterborough Examiner

One rural school in Kentucky has replaced ink-wells with modern ball point pens. Which would probably save a lot of wear and tear on little girls' pigtails.—Toronto Star.

The Khrushchev-Bulgaria visit to Finland has been set for spring because it is at that season, as Mr. Khrushchev has explained, that love is at its strongest.—Winnipeg Free Press.

There are 5.2 million motorcycles, motorcooters and motorcycles in France today. France, in fact, is now producing more of these motorized two-wheelers than any other country in the world. During 1955, the French made 1,151,821 of this type of vehicle, and in the first half of 1956 output was up 15 percent, compared to the first six months of 1955.—France Actuelle

OUR YESTERDAYS From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (February 16, 1932) Workmen are now engaged clearing away the debris on the site of Prince of Wales College, and it is expected, when this work is done, to proceed with the construction of a new edifice. If possible the old foundation will be used and the brick salvaged will be available for reconstruction.

A farewell banquet was tendered Mr. J. J. Morris, newly appointed manager of the Provincial Bank of Canada at Charlottetown, last night at the Clifton Hotel by the Summerside Board of Trade which Mr. Morris has been President. Mr. Morris leaves to take up his new position in a few days.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 16, 1947) Boy Scout and Girl Guide Week got off to an auspicious start yesterday afternoon when the first meeting was held in the Prince of Wales College Auditorium. Speakers included Mayor B. Earle MacDonald and Rev. S. J. Davies, Provincial Boy Scout Field Commissioner.

It has been reliably learned that Summerside will have a new skating rink for next season. It will be built by Mr. F. Earl MacDonald who owns the present rink which will be demolished to make room for the new construction. It is expected that work will be commenced as early as possible this spring.

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