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CIRCULATION

"Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew"

"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Potato Varieties

It is well recognized that in recent years changes have taken place in Prince Edward Island farmers' preferences for different varieties of potatoes.

On these farms the potato acreage ranged from four to 15 acres and averaged 8.3 acres per farm.

In 1945 Irish Cobbler accounted for 55 per cent and Green Mountain for 33 per cent of acreage.

One half of the growers preferred the Green Mountain as a table potato, but only 11 preferred to grow it for sale.

In the matter of quality, the report notes that an American authority emphasizes the Sebago's late maturity.

Farm Labor Problem

The International Federation of Agricultural Producers has made a survey of the supply of farm labor and finds, first, that many countries have shortages,

The Federation's survey lists Canada among those countries where the scarcity of farm labor is considered serious.

It is significant that, in general, the difficulty of recruiting an adequate farm labor force is greatest in lands which are highly industrialized or are in process of becoming so.

Storm Clouds Over Morocco

Morocco, rich French Protectorate on the North African coast of the Mediterranean, promises to be the newest trouble spot in a world cleft in twain by resurgent nationalism and Soviet Communism.

The origin of Moroccan unrest dates back to the days of World War II when President Roosevelt virtually promised independence to the Sultan.

Under normal circumstances, Morocco would be a problem for France, and France alone to solve.

spared no effort to bring modern techniques to bear in the development of Morocco's mineral and agricultural resources.

Inevitably, however, industrialization has brought in its wake demands for participation on the part of the Moslem population not only in government but in industry.

The diplomatic dilemma confronting Washington is that of choosing between the alternatives of encouraging the Nationalists and thereby antagonizing the French, or of backing up the French at the possible risk of having her stand as the champion of subject nations in their struggle for independence undermined.

EDITORIAL NOTES

At Edinburgh today H. M. the Queen will hold an installation service of the Knights of the Thistle in St. Giles' Cathedral.

There is a lot of good, homely advice contained in the Bible, and one piece sadly overlooked by many is that of the Apostle Paul—"Seek to magnify your job, not yourself."

The roadside tables being put out by the Provincial Government should prove a boon to tourists.

The semi-annual meeting of the P. E. I. Federation of Agriculture today and this evening has a variety of important business on its agenda.

After all the effort of individuals to promote traffic safety and June being proclaimed Safety Month by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, it is to be hoped that the great numbers of drivers on the roads over Festive Week will have been well indoctrinated against bad traffic manners.

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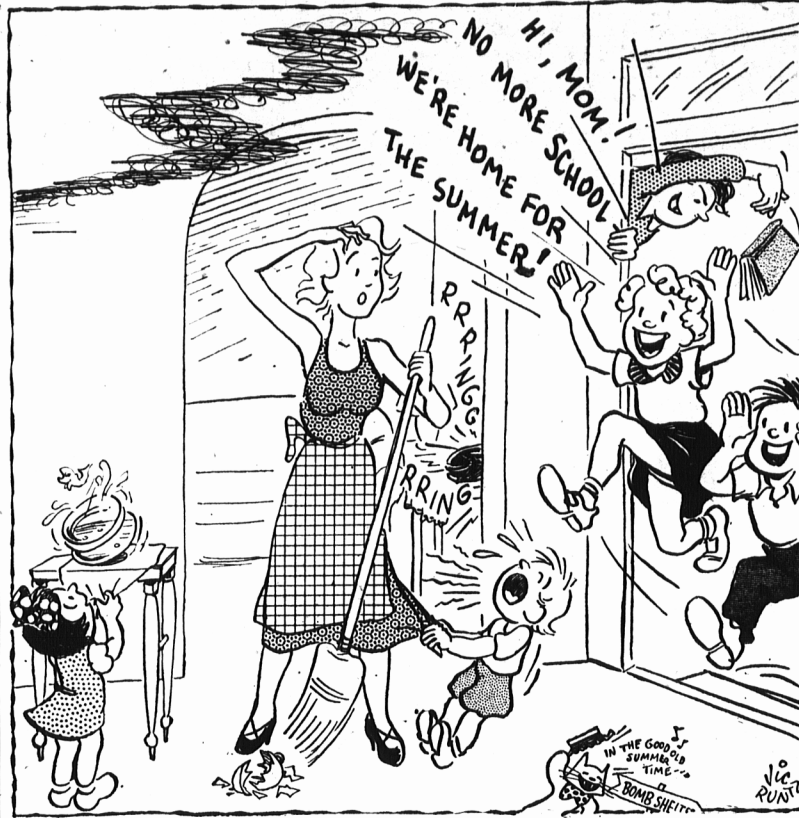
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The Good News To-day



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.

CHATting WITH FARMERS

Sir—The turn for the better the weather has taken must indeed be a welcomed overture by farmers throughout the Province, especially those whose activities have been curtailed by an over supply of rain.

Plenty of rain throughout the growing season is usually an assurance of bumper crops but excessive rain within a prescribed period has its disadvantages.

During dry weather plant withering and discoloration is an indication of malnutrition and crop failure is the result of plant starvation.

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Braille In The Pantheon

(Unesco)

Just over a century and a half ago, the French Constituent Assembly decreed that the Church of St. Genevieve should be secularized and used as a last resting place for the great men of France.

A resting place in the Pantheon is more than a mark of gratitude towards men of genius or to great benefactors for it is also intended to perpetuate their memory and to ensure that the significance of their works shall not be lost on future generations.

No one, in his own lifetime, would ever have foreseen such an honour for Louis Braille, who died one hundred years ago, on June 22.

He was an unassuming man, unknown even to the people of Paris. Yet, on the anniversary of his death this year, a state cortege will bring Louis Braille to the Pantheon—in recognition of the glory of his name, in France and in every country in the world.

Braille's life was that of all inventors who refused to be discouraged by any obstacle, even the worst—lack of understanding by their contemporaries. He was well equipped to appreciate the problems of the sightless, for he became blind at the age of three.

There would be nothing else to tell about Louis Braille had he not conceived and developed his admirable invention: a system of writing, using raised dots, thanks to which the blind throughout the world have a means of mutual contact and a chance to share in the common cultural heritage.

For many years, the Braille system was used to transcribe an amazing variety of languages, but its adaptations, sometimes made haphazardly, gradually multiplied, from one country to another, the inevitable variations and confusion.

Since then, Unesco has undertaken the important task, in collaboration with interested governments of making writing for the blind truly universal, in other words, of adapting it scientifically to all phonetic systems and alphabets.

There are many problems still to be solved. The publication of books in Braille is still insufficient in several countries. The system is still far from unification in the

aneous and the favourable comparison with the remainder of the field, under dry treatment, carried throughout the season. Thus the method or manner of application of chemical fertilizers to growing crops is something that calls for consideration and even experimentation by the farmer.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

PERCHERONS IMPORTED

"The people of this island generally that they are possessed of men enterprising enough to import to this country the celebrated Percheron-Norman breed of horses. Not long ago the French authorities endeavored to hinder the export of their stallions by offering large annual prizes for the best animals retained in the country for service.

The horses imported by Messrs. Heartz and McKie for stock purposes are splendid specimens of the pure Percheron breed. The stallion is pronounced by all to be one of the finest horses ever brought into the Dominion, while it is said that the breed mares will compare with any ever imported to America from France."

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The Poet's Corner

COTTAGES BY THE SEA

Wind-scoured cottages by the sea Look the same the world over. Places where no lawn can be, Where sand chokes the clover.

Sea-wind wears their wood to silk, Silver-grained as ocean aqualis; Bleaching shards of clam and whelk Flower to their walls.

Their checkered window-curtains fade, Winter shakes loose the painted shutter; In a few seasons they look made Of wind and wood and water.

Precarious crates of salt and light Sailing up the sound of spray, Rigged with stars by dark and flight Of endless gulls by day.

—Elizabeth Bohm

The Age-Old Story

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

case of musical and mathematical notations, symbols in chemistry and physics, geographic characters, etc. To deal with such questions, and in general with all problems concerning writing for the blind, Unesco plans to set up a World Braille Council.

CITY HAZARDS

STOCKHOLM—(CP)—The mortality rate for men living in big cities is higher here than for those in the country. Official Swedish statistics show Stockholm's male inhabitants have a mortality rate 45 per cent higher than the corresponding groups of rural inhabitants. For females, there is little difference.

Notes By The Way

Sometimes when we discuss Canada's need for population and the value of immigration we overlook our own population increase due to Canadian births.

And when we were very young the farmer looked into the sky and predicted the weather and got it right, they had five-dollar gold pieces, little girls wore pigtails, the Chinese thought kindly of us, you could raise a family on 100 acres, we wore boater straw, they sold cigars for a nickel, we played the piano in the parlor, there were no succession duties, the last war of any importance was in South Africa.—(Brandon Sun).

No individual, of course, should ever be denied the privilege to learn to drive and to drive a car, or truck, or motorcycle, if that is the fancy. But everyone should be required to meet a high standard of proficiency in driving before being turned loose on their own.

When someone is mentioned as having "a strong back and a weak mind" the presumption is that the two often go together, which makes it a badly compromised compliment.

Was Parliament any livelier in the reputedly good old days? We recommend anybody who thinks so to read the political novels of Anthony Trollope—Phines Fin and Phineas Redux, in particular. There he will find descriptions of parliamentary sittings just as dull as any at Ottawa today.

Cancer ever has been one of the most mysterious of diseases. Because so little is known of its causes, it is all the more difficult to find complete cures unless the disease is diagnosed in its early stages.

ABERDEEN, Scotland—(CP)—A trawler bound for the fishing grounds had to return to port four hours later when all its pots and pans were reported missing. Local police were given descriptions of two deckhands, also missing.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for Chas. R. McQuaid, Frederic A. Large, J. S. Taylor, Gaudet & Haszard, M. Alban Farmer, J. A. McGuigan, J. A. Carruthers, Byron J. Grant O.D., Dr. W. R. Carson, Bell, Matheson & Foster, H. R. Doane and Company, and McDonald & Joyal.