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Soviet "Cultural Freedom"

One requisite for harmonious dealings between nations or among groups of nations is free exchange of news and general reading matter.

Fifty Years A-Growing

Canada's growing and changing labour force between 1901 and 1951 is pictured in a survey of five sets of census returns published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

What they show is a largely agricultural economy being transferred into a many-sided industrial one.

The male labour force increased 2 1/2 times in the half-century, while the number of employed females increased five times.

Christina Georgina Rossetti, British poet, died this date 1894. Her first recorded poem was completed at the age of twelve.

The number of males engaged in manufacturing rose 3 1/2 times to 779,000 from 229,000. Construction showed the same rate of increase.

As already observed, these figures are now three years out of date. The past three years have seen the process of industrialization and diversification carried on at a greater pace than ever before.

College Dramatics

"Drama in a college is necessarily cultural, and culture is never nice, easy, entertaining, fashionable, pleasing-at-first-sight."

"Of course," writes Father Arsenault, "drama is an integral part of the teaching of English. But, as long as this is not understood and admitted in practice, drama will remain in its present state: a somewhat outmoded form of entertainment,

which at the same time helps a few establish for themselves a reputation as actors. When drama comes into its own, the plays will be chosen by the English professors for their literary and humanistic value, and will consequently be graded.

"For example, we should probably have: in High School—a comedy; in Freshmen—a play from Shakespeare, Jonson, Wilde, etc.; for Sophomore men—a Greek or Latin play, or a translation from the French or from modern language; for Philosophy students—a contemporary play, with a philosophical aspect: e.g., a work of Eliot, Claudel, Shaw, Ibsen, etc."

"Thus, a student who has spent six years at S. D. U. will leave with a certain knowledge of world drama, and of its evolution and its literary styles, rather than with memories of a few attempts at reproducing 'real-life events' on a stage.

"It is our firm contention that drama, considered as light entertainment, is, nowadays, a stupid and time wasting sport, since we can get, for a few dollars, any kind and any number of movies which will serve the purpose, viz: that of resting tired heads after a good week's work.

After making his point that culture is never something that can be taken in easy doses, the writer goes on to suggest that perhaps the audience too ought to be prepared in the classroom. At any rate, he concludes, "drama is the main means by which a college may exercise a cultural influence in a community.

EDITORIAL NOTES

On January 3rd the Post Office will make available to the public Income Tax forms T-1 and T-2. Somehow the Christmas services of that Department are more endearing than those with which it starts the year.

Two shipments of artillery equipment will be sent to the Portuguese and Italian armies by the Canadian Army in January under Canada's program of mutual aid to NATO.

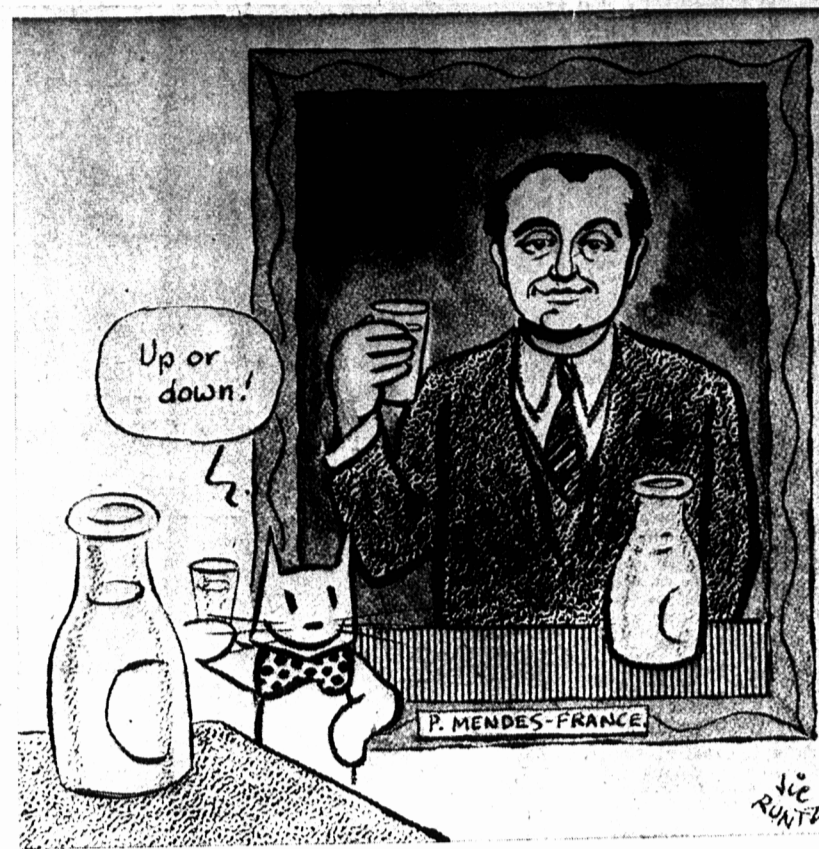
Natives of African Uganda regard milk as a truly royal beverage, the National Geographic Society says. Milkmaids chosen at an early age tend cows owned by the king.

Sydney Post Record: Whopping cranes are in danger of vanishing altogether from the skyways between their breeding grounds in Canada and 47,000-ac. winter refuge on the Texas coast.

Now that this Province has entered into an agreement with the Federal Government for the assistance of disabled persons, all but one Province have indicated they will take part.

The strengthening of local government in the combined Leeward and Windward Islands would seem to be a step towards making them a Province in the proposed confederation of the British West Indies.

Two years ago Dr. Paul Armand-Delille, who lives in France and who was annoyed by the rabbits in his garden, imported from Australia a small quantity of the virus that causes myxomatosis.



Man Of Discrimination

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of commercial lists the average citizen's name is on.

DISTURBING EXCERPT

Sir, — On Tuesday your paper carried a news item which was very disturbing to me, as a parent, in the form of an excerpt from a speech made to a teachers' group in Ontario by Dr. L. P. Patterson, President of the Canadian Teachers' Federation.

NOTES BY THE WAY

An Oklahoma grandmother who confessed to poisoning four husbands is depicted as "untroubled."

Vanishing Beauties

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SAFETY NOTICE

Some sixty Canadians lost their lives in motor accidents just during last year's Christmas and New Year weekends.

His Honour

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The Passing Scene

What is Time? Whence does it come? Whither does it go? There is no one in the world wise enough to answer these questions or a thousand others that have to do with Time.

Like all other things of worth—tangible and intangible—Time can be used wisely or wasted profligately. It was Gladstone who wrote: "Believe me when I say that thrift of time will pay you with a usury beyond your most hopeful dreams, and that waste of it will make you dwindle in both intellectual and moral stature beyond your most gloomy reckoning."

Another thing we know about Time is that, the younger one is, the more slowly does time seem to travel. Perhaps this is Nature's way of prolonging the good days of childhood; although, strangely enough it is the young who have the most impatience with time's passing.

What Keats said of the night-tingale could very well be applied to all the unchanging and unchangeable things of the spirit which, in some measure, all may experience, though none can define: "No hungry generations tread thee down; In ancient days by emperor and clown."

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The Poets Corner BELLE ISLE The fog drifts damply on the bitter sea, Somewhere the droning breakers far away, With voices low like thunder, seem to say Mute things in ageless sentences to me. The waves in wind-swept spaces rank and roll. Their wild foam from the ice on Greenland shore, And cold clouds hurry down the Labrador With messages of winter from the Pole. The lonely rocks of turreted Belle Isle Where sea-marks hold their imprint ribbed and curled. Behold the blue bergs southward drifting lie, As when the Norse Gods with their sails unfurled Came crowding down the sea-lanes mile on mile And trafficked on the highways of the world. —Alfred G. Bailey.