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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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Calling Yorkshire Breeders

The appeal of Mr. H. W. Clay to Island breeders of Yorkshire swine to show at the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto should not fall on deaf ears. This Province has attained a premier position as a supplier of top quality bacon type breeding stock.

A great deal of work has been put into the programme here both by the senior livestock fieldman and by our breeders and they are now in a position to reap the benefit of the international reputation they have established.

It means a good deal of time and effort on the part of breeders to show at such a distance but the returns to be gained are certainly worth it.

How Now, Mr. Mao?

When Red China's ruler Mao arrived in Moscow a few days ago he was met at the airport by an imposing array of Soviet Top Brass. Deputy Premiers Vyacheslav and Molotov were there. So, too, was Foreign Minister Vishinski and Marshal Nicolai Bulganin.

All of which prompts such questions as what Mr. Mao is doing in Moscow, and why the Russians appear to be outdoing themselves in lavish hospitality and entertainment for their oriental visitors.

Mr. Mao happens to have a war on his hands in Korea. He also happens to be the ruler of a country which is industrially backward and almost entirely lacking in the potentials of protracted warfare other than manpower.

So far as war materials are concerned, the Chinese Communist boss is likely to find Premier Stalin fairly co-operative. For it suits Russia's purpose at the moment to keep the struggle in Korea going.

In order to allow Mr. Mao to "save face", Premier Stalin will probably throw him a sop by turning back to China Port Arthur and the railway lines confiscated by Russia in her short war with Japan.

The Ontario Agreement

What it regards as a fundamental weakness in the tax agreement signed by Ontario with the Federal Government is noted editorially by the Ottawa Journal. That is the failure of Premier Frost to have included an undertaking by the Dominion to set up a committee or some other appropriate instrument to inquire into the whole tax structure, so that there would be something permanent to succeed this temporary agreement when it comes to an end.

There may be some grounds for this fear; but on the other hand we have the never implemented Sirois Commission Report to show that "inquiries into the whole tax structure" can be both expensive and useless.

It was because of the failure to reach any unanimous agreement, after very elaborate inquiries and a whole series of stormy conferences, that the Dominion Government had to cut the Gordian knot by making terms with the Provinces individually.

Every Province now but Quebec has signed on the dotted line. And for Ontario the immediate gain will be an increase in her provincial revenues this year of about twenty-five million dollars. The contract is virtually identical to those signed by the Maritime and Western Provinces, all of which have had agreements with the Federal Government continually since 1942.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Murray River residents are actively promoting the building of a public library in their community. Public spirited citizens have already formed a committee to select a suitable site.

The taxpayer is almost invariably in favour of lower taxes and Prime Minister St. Laurent is reported as saying that the Government would like to have lower rates of taxation. Unhappily he added, "That does not mean we always get what we like."

Island farmers have rosy prospects, apart from unforeseen difficulties. The acreage of certified seed potatoes "passed" in final field inspection amounts to 21,041 acres or 91 per cent of the total entered.

Alcide d'Orbigny, French natural scientist, was born this date 1802. At 20 he was recognized as an authority on microscopic fossils and left on an eight-year expedition to South America where he travelled some 4,000 miles on horseback and canoe studying geology, geography, history, anthropology, legends, customs, languages and the ethnology of the Indian tribes.

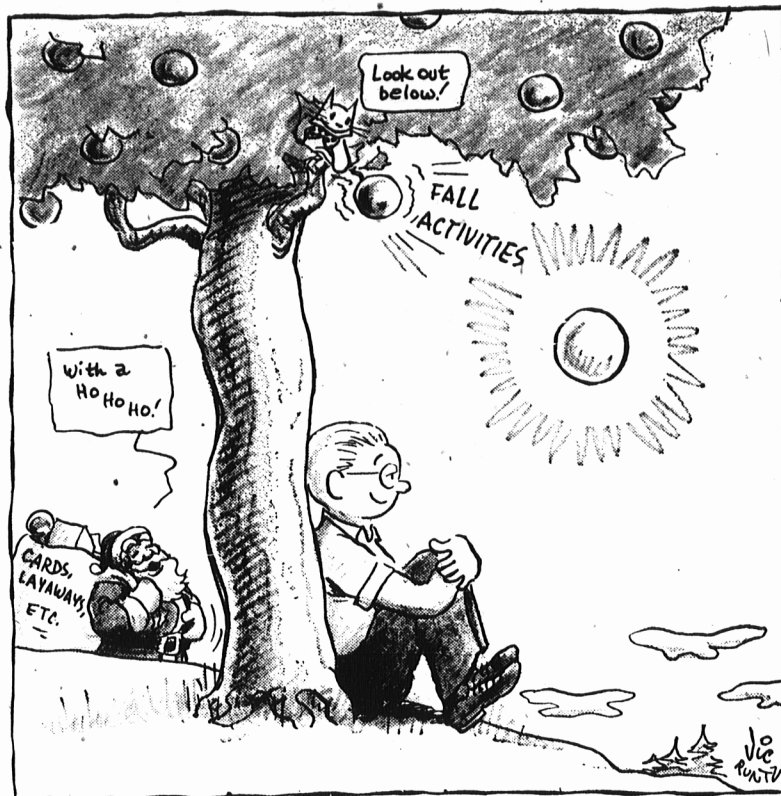
The purchase of the Pioneer building in Summerside by seven Prince County dairy firms reflects a change in the scale on which dairying operations can be conducted most economically. Improved transportation and competition in a highly mechanized industry gives a decided advantage to the larger operator.

That a course of studies for music is being worked out for Island teachers was the encouraging statement of Mr. R. Muggford, music instructor at P. W. C., to the teachers' conferences. Music has proved that it holds a very strong appeal for young people as indicated by recent musical festivals. The schools should certainly give it some attention.

Whether to stop smoking suddenly or taper off gradually has been a debatable point with those who wish to give up the tobacco habit. Lancet, the British medical magazine, reports the findings of a doctor who questioned no less than 10,000 cured smokers and experimented on himself with 200 doses of nicotine. His conclusion is that it is best to stop abruptly but quietly and to avoid thinking about smoking. Probably a rapacious chancellor of the exchequer also helps.

The widely-known organization, Alcoholics Anonymous, uses as a "meditation" the following: "God grant us serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can, and wisdom to know the difference." This sentence is quoted as the theme of a leading editorial in the current issue of the Canadian Unionist, monthly organ of the Canadian Congress of Labour, which says it would be difficult to put in smaller compass a more comprehensive request for Divine assistance. The prayer has been a source of strength to many people in deep need of some Power outside themselves, and it should be helpful to everyone who is willing to use it.

September Daze



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.

V. O. N.

Sir. - It is proposed to have a branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses established in Prince Edward Island. We are the only Province in Canada not having the services of this order. Nova Scotia having sixteen; and there are over one hundred branches across the country.

This wonderful organization was founded by Lady Aberdeen in 1897 and every nurse serving is a graduate of an approved school of nursing and is registered in the Province in which she is employed.

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Notes By The Way

The South Bank Festival site is being tested as a helicopter station during two weeks of experimental flights with a Sikorsky S. 51 and a Bristol five-seater machine. Instruments are being used to record the noise in nearby buildings, notably the Houses of Parliament and St. Thomas's Hospital. --- Hamilton Spectator.

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Ancaster, Ontario, is staging a contest to crown the prettiest milk maid--but it is stipulated that she won't have to know how to milk. This is sensible, seeing that nowadays machines, rather than milkmaids, are taking on increasingly the chores of extraction from the cow. The next logical step, indeed, is to hold a contest for the prettiest milking machine. --- Ottawa Citizen.

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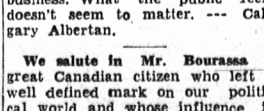
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A recent Moscow announcement has told of the development of more than 20 new varieties of frost-resisting tomatoes, cucumbers and cabbages for cultivation in the north. Canada also has done considerable research along that line, particularly in the development of fast-maturing wheat. This is a study in which the results of experimentation should be exchangeable, for their mutual profit. But Soviet Russia doesn't exchange--it only takes. --- Windsor Star.

All too often overlooked is the fact that the full toll of forest fires cannot be calculated in terms of the value of timber destroyed and of employment lost thereby. The whole balance of nature is upset and the consequences include depletion of wildlife, erosion of soil and even loss of hydro-electric power. --- Sault Ste. Marie Star.

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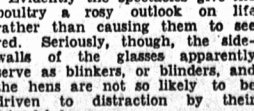
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The Ottawa Conference

(C. W. A. in the Ottawa Citizen)

OTTAWA: Here are some answers to questions about the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association which may eliminate some confusion when meetings open September 8 in the Parliament Building, Ottawa.

The answers were given by the secretary-general of the Association, Sir Howard d'Egville, Q.C., who initiated the idea 41 years ago. Why, for example, are the United States, and the Republic of Ireland members of this Commonwealth Association, sending delegates? Because they were originally members of the Empire from which they derived their Parliamentary background.

Do the deliberations of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association directly affect the policies of Governments? No, because the Association does not pass resolutions, merely exchanges information among the parliamentarians. That's because both members of Governments and their Opposition attend. But indirectly, the reports made to their various national branches assist all parliamentarians in assessing domestic and foreign policies.

Is the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association growing? Yes, vigorously. Since the last conference in New Zealand, many new segments of the Commonwealth have become members. It now numbers fifty branches; some 110 officers, members of the central council, and delegates will attend the Canadian conference.

The seasons will be closed in order to permit all members to speak their minds freely without the temptation to address galleries. But full reports of the sessions will be given out afterwards. The official agenda includes such topics as economic and financial relations, migration, international affairs and defence.

Will the question of the welfare state be discussed? Well, it has been impossible to keep it out of past discussions. What about Russia's accusations of germ warfare? It is possible, especially with U.S. delegates present.

Will South Africa's racial problems be discussed? Anyone can bring up any domestic or external affairs problem. Is there any central, directing body? Yes, the general council, established in 1949 as a kind of board of directors dealing with matters affecting all the Commonwealths. Senator Arthur Ridd, M.P., of Canada was the first chairman.

Chairman of the General Council for 1951 is Hon. Harold E. Holt, M.P., a Minister of the Australian Government. Vice-chairman is Hon. Sir John Kotelawala, Minister of the Government and leader of the Ceylon House of Representatives.

Canada's Federal member of the council is Mr. L. Rene Beaudoin, Q.C., M.P., Deputy Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons, and for the provinces, Daniel Johnson, Q.C., M.L.A., Quebec. "It is absolutely dangerous to walk through the streets of Charlottetown after dark; there is no pathway for foot passengers. There is indeed here and there a little piece of something which appears to have been intended for that purpose, but those little pieces are 'few and far between', and should you keep near the houses you will find them to be just so many stumbling blocks. Then there are cellar hatches, projecting far beyond the houses to which they belong. In fact, to travel safely, a chart of the town and a compass by which to steer, would in my opinion be absolutely indispensable. I am no member of a Temperance Society, neither am I a drunkard, and yet I assure you that on my first coming here I received some serious falls, since which time I have insured my bones by walking in the mud."

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