

# THE GUARDIAN

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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

## Vote Of Confidence

Prince Edward Island potato growers gave a vote of confidence to the Potato Marketing Board in the postal plebiscite conducted by the Provincial Marketing Board at the request of the Federation of Agriculture. There was widespread interest in the proceedings and 75 per cent of the qualified voters sent in their ballot. Nearly two-thirds of the ballots cast were in favour of the continuance of the Potato Board.

This must be taken as an indication that the majority of our farmers favor control of the industry by the primary producers. How that control is to be exercised will be determined from time to time by the representatives chosen to devise and carry out policy. The present leaders of the Federation and officials of the Board have made it clear that centralized marketing as well as general control is the method which they prefer to adopt. If the farmers wish to vary the system then it is within their power to do so.

At any rate the Potato Marketing Board has acquired a certain standing as a result of the plebiscite which it might otherwise have lacked because its critics tended to be more highly vocal than its supporters. It seems, however, that even those who found that things did not always go as they would have wished yet placed themselves generally behind the Board.

The plebiscite itself has no official standing. It does not directly give the Board any authority which it did not already have. It does not indicate what the farmers think of any particular policy of the Board. Being a secret vote, however, it must give more assurance to the members of the Potato Board than any amount of verbal commendation. What it shows is that farmers generally are less ready with open praise than privately felt approval.

## D-Day Plus Ten Years

Ten years ago American, British and Canadian troops stormed the Normandy beaches supported by thousands of ships and planes. "Fortress Europe" was proved to be not impregnable, although it took exactly another year of hard fighting to complete its conquest. A year ago fighting was still going on in Korea, the armistice not being effective until July 27th but even then the importance of D-Day was not overlooked.

Field Marshall Lord Montgomery attending the annual service at the Bensusan-Mer cemetery renewed his pledge that, "I will return every year until I am too old to walk." Some 3,000 dead lie in that cemetery, a small proportion of those who gave their lives in the seeming unending struggle to keep men free.

D-Day stands out in the record of human heroism and sacrifice because there the whole world menaced by the forces of totalitarianism effectively struck back and thereafter held the initiative in the great struggle. In that invasion the allied forces were under the overall command of General Dwight Eisenhower, now President of the United States. The free world then showed that it could act as a unit in defence of its freedom. It is to be hoped that the nations will continue to be able to work together to that end.

The past decade has been full of disappointment. The Nazi and Fascist threat has been superseded by the equally threatening forces of Communism. The need for unity of purpose has increased rather than lessened. We can be thankful that a very fair measure of unity has been maintained. The free world is not ready at the drop of a hat to send fighting forces to any quarter of the globe where there happens to be a disturbance but there can be no mistaking the determination of a majority of the nations to act together to resist aggression when it has been recognized.

## No Easy Solution

According to the Ottawa Journal, there is considerable opposition to the request of the Dairy Farmers of Canada that the Government continue its 58 cent support price as an essential guarantee to producers. One trouble, The Journal adds, is that here, as well as in the United States, nobody appears able to come up with an acceptable solution to the whole problem of what to do with surplus foods, butter included. It is all very well to say that people in other lands are hungry and need our surpluses, but events in the U. S. recently have provided

en that it is exceedingly difficult to even give food away. For one thing it disrupts markets in the receiving country.

"Another fact that appears to have escaped many of those who offer pat solutions for this problem is that farm production, unlike most industries, cannot accommodate itself to market needs to any exact degree. Another good growing season and the butter surplus problem becomes worse. To suggest that dairy farmers should accept what they can get for their products means pretty harsh treatment—for the plain fact is that nobody else in this country would even think of doing so. Farm income has declined about 25 per cent in the past two years and it cannot go much lower, in the face of costs of other goods and services, without the decline becoming a real danger to the general economy. As it is, much of our unemployment might be traced to lower farm purchasing power."

## Salvaging The Past

The Prince Edward Island Historical Society was formed originally in 1881 and was active for several years in disseminating information and collecting objects of historic interest. Had the organization continued uninterrupted there is no doubt but that we should today have reaped the benefit with a priceless store of such relics, a widespread public appreciation of the value of our heritage of the past, and a museum serving not only as a permanent showplace but as a cultural centre of great value to the community. We have made progress in many ways since the nineteenth century, but in this direction we have been negligent to a deplorable extent, notwithstanding the efforts of such organizations as the Women's Institutes and I. O. D. E. to revive public interest.

The situation, however, is more promising today. The Historical Society has been reorganized, and its fine exhibition of historic relics, held last summer in the Y. M. C. A. building, elicited many favorable comments. The relics exhibited have been stored for safe keeping, and will form the nucleus of the material for a provincial museum when this long overdue project materializes.

The first annual meeting of the Society is being held on Monday evening in the City Hall, when officers will be elected and the results of the legends and folklore contest recently held by the Society will be announced. Objectives will be discussed and the coming season's activities mapped out. It is hoped to have a large and representative attendance.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, Shut-In's Day.

Tomorrow, Whitsunday; Pentecost.

Many a truth is spoken in jest. Premier Matheson's remarks about combining Nova Scotia coal and Island mud to form a road base might prove prophetic if the quality of the old time Island brick is any criterion.

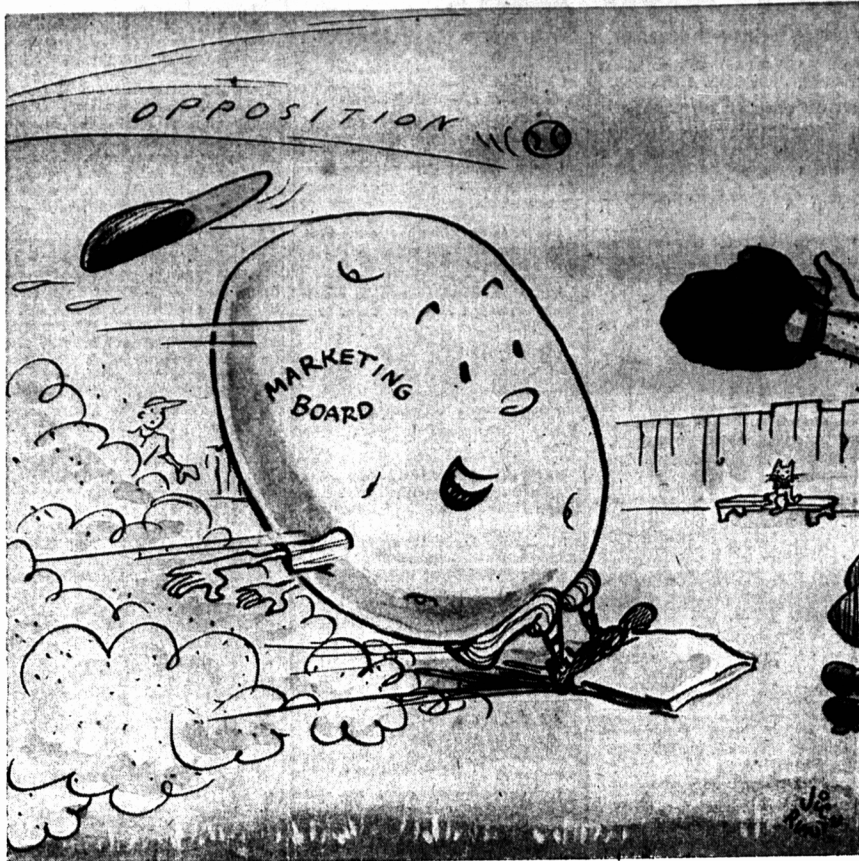
A Hard of Hearing Society has been organized with headquarters in Charlottetown. Members are interested, not primarily in helping themselves, but in giving assistance to the many who are threatened with loss of hearing.

This Province went over its quota in the recent Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics, mainly because of the wonderful response by airmen and civilians in Summerside. If those who contributed in other centres would each bring a friend next time we could exceed our quota by a wide margin.

The objections to fluoridation of water supplies are being met by overwhelming support of the move by those in the best position to judge its value. The Canadian Public Health Association is the latest of many qualified bodies to support the idea of fluoridation in the interest of saving children's teeth.

That it has been found more practical for one geographic area to be served by one water and sewage system was one of the important suggestions made before the Provincial Community Planning Association by a visiting speaker. The problem is a pressing one here and it would be a great mistake not to have an overall plan for the city and its environs and also for other communities which have larger physical than legal boundaries.

Sir John Maynard Keynes, first Baron Keynes of Tilton, English economist, was born this date 1883. He had a distinguished scholastic, civil service and business career and played a leading part in negotiations between Britain and America to organize the economic transition between peace and war required by the two world wars. He believed that economics could be brought to a perfection where it would cease to be of prime importance, leaving resources and technique free for our real problems, life, human relations, and religion.



## Sliding Home

### 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.

#### SHUT-IN'S DAY

Sir,—Once again the Shut-In's Day Association has requested me to help publicize Shut-In's Day, which is Sunday, June 6th this year.

It's a day set aside to encourage the public to take thought of those who due to ill-health, disability or age are confined to home, hospital, or institution for months or even years.

It is hoped if people enjoying good health will remember the Shut-In's and bring them some extra cheer and fellowship on one particular day, that they will be more mindful of them throughout the year.

We also solicit Service Clubs and other organized groups to sponsor Shut-In's Day activities such as visits to individuals in their homes or to the many institutions and by taking those who are able for a car ride. Any friendly gesture is very much appreciated by those who are confined in-doors for some time.

To all Shut-In's I extend cordial greetings, and best wishes for health and happiness on this day and the days to come.

I am, Sir, etc., DANIEL GASS Cornwall, P. E. I.

#### EDUCATION

Sir,—If it is true that "Faith is the soul's window" education surely makes the glass more transparent.

We learn quite a few things before we start to school, but the master the reading of a few simple words is quite an accomplishment.

On this little planet, from every nook and corner of which we may get fresh news daily, only two out of every five of us are able to read. The other three out of five are not only hungry for bodily food, but are wide awake to the fact that being able to read makes them able to defeat their two enemies of hunger and disease as well as debt.

During the First World War, a simplified method of learning came as an inspiration to a Chinese chaplain, who had the care of some hundreds of his own countrymen, digging trenches in France. Becoming weary of writing letters for them to their wives back home, he developed what was then counted, a very quick way of teaching a man to read and then to write a letter, which took from two to three weeks. Now an American, Frank Lauback, can teach an illiterate adult to read a page of simple words in one hour. Those Eastern people are more easily taught on account of having more retentive memories besides being able to understand the fact that to get a knowledge of the three R's they can then grapple with the problems of hunger and disease. They almost leap for joy when they see their every-day words in print. They will have still more joy and peace when they have no more need to "scratch." For the whole family have to scratch till they learn out of their reading lesson books, what good friends soap and water are, as also insect powder. As they learn how to read, they learn how to make a garden or develop other skills.

This work has been going on now for 24 years. Frank with his team of workers generally goes where invited by Christian missionaries such as the Roman Catholic in Central America, to others in Palestine among the Arabs, in India or in the land that David Livingstone trod.

Now, the great need is for trained writers to supply the huge demand for reading matter. It is our only hope, if we are going to save ourselves, in this time of the H-bomb and a drawn-out cold war. In speaking of saving ourselves, we can take as an illustration what the bewildered alcoholic is told when he is at the end of his tether, namely look to the Higher

### NOTES BY THE WAY

To some men the secret of success is lots of work and having others do it. —Toronto Star.

Domestic humor demands neither cleverness nor wit; it is merely an attitude of mind. Know yourself, and laugh at what you know. When you have cause to censure your children, let your censure bounce off an effigy of yourself. The family that laughs together, loves together. —W. H. Boore on The BBC.

A Fort William school teacher vouches for this one, so it should be true. With a friend, he says, he walked into a downtown stationery store the other day. Meeting the eye on entering was a display stand of books, and on the end of the stand was a large sign advertising a new book, "Reach for the Sky". His friend, who has a heavy voice, repeated the title out loud and four customers nearby raised their hands above their heads, thinking it was a hold-up. —Fort William Times - Journal.

Does any Windsor housewife possess a goose-wing duster? A couple of generations ago those were standard equipment in the home. And they were just what the name implies, goose - wings. There would always be one on the stove mantle. The upper part of the wing provided a handy handle. The wing would be used to brush the ashes off the stove, the crumbs off the table. The tip of it could clean the dust out of corners. They were cheap, effective dusters. If one kept geese, or knew someone who did, there would be a ready supply. —Windsor Star.

Watchmen at Copenhagen's long bridge ("Langebrog") daily handle some 100,000 travelers who cross it, and in general these customers are pretty understanding—even when the bridge seems to be raised too long at times. Recently, however, a fine old gentleman, gave vent to his indignation as the attendant closed the bridge smack in front of him. When the employe categorically refused to let him pass as the bridge was about to be drawn, the important man exclaimed, "Don't you know who I am?" "No," the watchman answered. "But if I let you through I could read it in the obituary column tomorrow." —Sydsvenska Dagbladet, Malmoe.

It undoubtedly came as a shock to many Winnipeg parents to hear that the chief investigating officer of a downtown department store had seen as much juvenile delinquency in this city during the past six months as he had during the eighteen years he served as a Scotland Yard detective. Arthur Kendall, who made the charge, blamed the increase in shoplifting and other crimes among children and youth from eight to eighteen on lack of discipline. He claimed that too many Winnipeg parents were neglecting their responsibility.

The Age Old Story  
And there came a fear on all: And they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

Power, then get to work at helping someone else that is deeper down in the mud than himself. This plan works both in private life and among the nations.

I am Sir, etc., ARCH MACKENZIE, Kensington

**TIRED FEET**  
Soothe them with **MINARD'S LINIMENT**  
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### Old Charlottetown

From The Vindicator, Oct 24, 1862.  
Rentfree House is the name of a new store that has been opened, by Messrs. Delaney and Wilson, in Thomas's old stand, Great George Street. The proprietors are two enterprising young men, natives of the Island.

Yesterday morning, about four o'clock, the Barn of the Asylum was totally destroyed by fire, together with its contents, consisting of 40 stooks of wheat, 2 tons of hay, 4 tons of straw, and 2 pigs. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it looks like an act of incendiarism.

The bark "Priores," Baird, master, from Liverpool, owned by Messrs. Pope and Yeo, of this Island, arrived here on Saturday last, in 22 days from Liverpool, with goods for this port.

A public meeting is to be held today in the Court House, Colonial Building, to take into consideration the best means of assisting, in alleviating the distress among the operatives of Lancashire, England.

The Dredging Machine, owned by Alex. McBean, Esq., which has been so busily and beneficially employed in the docks of this City for several months past, is about to be removed to Halifax.

### DRIVE WITH CARE

TRURO, N. S. (CP)—In an effort to cut down on speeding motorists, town police have obtained an electrical speed-timing device which is portable and may be used at different locations.

### NYC BATTLE UNDECIDED

ALBANY, N. Y. (AP)—Outcome of the struggle for control of the New York Central railroad system remains in doubt today after the annual meeting of the 2,000 stockholders voted to decide on control of the system but Tuesday that counting and tabulation of the votes is not yet complete. Robert R. Young heads the forces seeking to oust the present management of the railroad.

**When FEET BURN**  
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## The Passing Scene

By Observer  
A GOOD SERVICE

The historians seem pretty agreed that the present age is as materialistic in nature and aims as any in the long history of man; some have gone so far as to predict an intellectual "ice-age" if the sweep of materialism is not checked very soon. However that may be there is great volume of humanitarianism abroad in the world today. If we don't hear as much about it as about the other and colder side of society it is not considered as exciting in its emotional appeal.

War, not peace, gets first attention; spectacular crime, not moral law-abiding activity, is shouted from the house-tops; materialistic trends, not humanitarian impulses, keep the historians busy. Yet, considering the world's preoccupation with material things, it is astonishing — and heartening — the amount of quiet, peaceful, unobtrusive, social goodness that is being performed by organizations and individuals. Life is not altogether a matter of hard, relentless grasping after the things which moth and rust doth corrupt.

I am not thinking here of the "big-fund" organizations which send out well-trained and well-paid agents—though these are not to be belittled—; I am thinking of the voluntary kind whose only reward is the satisfaction of a mission fulfilled, a good work well done, organizations and individuals who make the personal touch substitute for official, impersonal plans. Such an organization, I would say, is that one which sponsors Shut-In Sunday, which this year falls on June 6.

With no large sums of money at their disposal, and no highly-paid researchers to dramatize their activities, members of the S.I.D.A. have one simple, non-technical, aim: "to encourage remembrance of the sick and disabled, that some cheer and fellowship may be brought into the lives of those who cannot mix in the normal social life of unhandicapped people."

The demand these days is for more and more social legislation; and there is not a shadow of doubt that within a few years there will be some measure of social security for everybody, at least in the Western world, from the day old infant to the centenarian. In this connection, it is gratifying to hear that the Canadian Government is considering a pension scheme for the totally disabled.

One wonders why this was not brought forward before, and not after the universal Old Age Pension plan. It is difficult to understand, too, why the newly introduced plan should be dependent on Federal-Provincial arrangements. Surely, if a pension for everybody at the age of 70, regardless of financial means, can be considered a Federal responsibility, pensions for the disabled ought not to have any annoying strings attached to them. Certainly, old age is not as severe a handicap as is total disability.

However, the arrangement as outlined is better than no plan at all, and, if the facts were known, they probably would reveal that the S.I.D.A. had a good deal to do with it.

In the next thing we may expect in the way of social legislation is some sort of Government-sponsored Health Insurance Plan. It may not come this year or next, but it cannot be delayed much longer.

regardless of the political party that may happen to be in the ascendancy. One of the political facts of our time is that in social matters there is very little difference among political parties. There are some minor differences in methods, scarcely any at all in principles.

But, whatever social security a community may have, there always will be great need of the personal conveyance of cheer from the well to the sick, from the active to the disabled. There is one thing Governments cannot do; they cannot legislate sympathy and the charitable concern of one individual for another.

From time to time well-meaning, but not well-advised, groups have organized visiting "campaigns." On a fixed date they have descended on institutions of various kinds, and the shut-ins, being unable to do much about it, have had to take it, whether they liked it or not. That sort of thing is a mistake, no less serious because born of compassion. Indeed, there are times when hospital staffs are much hindered in their work and patients made uncomfortable, by too much not well-planned visiting.

It must be remembered that not every hospital patient is in a permanent visitor-welcoming mood. Some, even though they may not be seriously ill, would prefer to be left alone, except for visits from near relatives; there are times when even near relatives should consult discretion before acceding to the demands of sympathy.

Somewhere between too much visiting and too little is the proper norm; this, according to all reports, is the aim of the S.I.D.A. The Association certainly would not approve of high-pressure visiting on one Sunday in the year, to be followed by twelve months of neglect and apathy towards the disabled.

People who follow a course of intelligent and reasonable visiting of the sick are rendering a good Christian service; in return they are almost certain to receive something of immense value to themselves. The cheerfulness and faith with which the disabled often meet their infirmities are among the real blessings of life they impart grace and strength.

## The Poet's Corner

### THE SOLDIER'S RETURN

Sing all you birds upon your branches, sing!  
The ice is broken, joyous rivers run  
Beneath their bridges dancing in  
the sun.  
Winter is over. This is truly  
spring!  
Down at the airport in comes hovering  
A mother bird with tired wings,  
The plane's my soldier husband home again.  
His service ended. This is truly  
spring!  
Sing all you birds upon your  
branches, sing!  
Like a May morning happy hours  
run  
With my love by me, walking in  
the sun.  
Mine now forever. This is truly  
spring.  
—Beulah May in the New York  
Herald Tribune.

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