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The Poultry Industry

It is disturbing to hear that the poultry industry in the Province is going through a "recession". For some time this industry has accounted for more than 12 per cent of the Island's total farming economy...

Two points of special interest were brought out at this meeting. One was that although a modern eviscerating plant has been established at Summerside, with substantial Government assistance...

The other point was that eggs pass through too many hands before they reach the consumer—as many as seven agencies, in some instances. No wonder the price spread between producer and consumer is wide.

Doubtless, all those interested in the poultry business will do everything possible to improve it where it is lagging. An industry whose potential value is more than 12 per cent of our agricultural economy is too valuable to be allowed to wither away.

Notice Of Intention

Col. John A. Macdonald, M.P. for Kings, has given notice of his intention to introduce a resolution urging the Federal Government to give consideration to commencing construction of a P.E.I.—N.B. causeway "at the earliest feasible date."

This, of course, is a formality, since the Federal Government is already committed to the construction of the causeway "at the earliest feasible date," provided the survey now under way shows the project to be technically and financially sound.

Either the survey will be favourable to construction or it will not. Our people don't expect the impossible; but this time they are expecting definite action, one way or the other. We have every confidence that the Government's attitude in the matter will be as good as Mr. Diefenbaker's word given in the election campaign.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It was on all counts a pleasant visit which His Excellency Governor General Massey paid us last week. Let us hope that he may find leisure to return for a well-earned holiday.

Joint action is what is necessary to deal with the unsatisfactory potato market situation, and Friday's meeting of the Potato Marketing Board with executive members of the Potato Producers Association and Potato Dealers Association is promising in this connection.

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THE CLOUDY CRYSTAL BALL

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The financial standing of the Commission is at present in excellent shape and according to Mr. Crandall the mechanical part of the system equally satisfactory. As to the charge that the Commission is not getting co-operation from the Commissioners, may we point out that at no time within the term of office of the present Commissioners has the City Council asked for a joint meeting with the Commission to discuss the matter of services (in any shape or form). It is an amazing thing that one elected body of the City Corporation, should undertake to abolish another similarly elected of the same Corporation, particularly when the present City Council is composed of many new members who may not as yet be familiar with the workings of the Corporation.

Mayor Johnstone is reported to have stated that Parkdale is prepared to lay a sewer on Belmont Street for combined service that will not cost the City a cent. Does anyone believe this tale or think Parkdale can be this generous? The Commission has been in consultation with the Parkdale Commission to consider having Parkdale lay this sewer at their expense but in return have requested substantial water service from the Commission. The Commission has this matter under active consideration with the hope that some satisfactory co-operative action can be taken to benefit both parties but a good deal more than a cent is involved.

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First Child May Feel Handicapped

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. It's often tough to be the first child in a family. These infants may have more roadblocks thrown in their way as they progress toward adulthood than any subsequent arrival in the family.

Parents generally make a good deal more fuss over a first child. And, consciously or unconsciously, they often try to dominate his every move.

SPECIAL MEANING

To most parents their first child has a very special meaning. He is a fulfillment of the marriage contract; he is a sparkling new gift which will bind the marriage more closely and bring untold happiness to the family.

Many parents, unfortunately, view this new arrival as an individual with a life all his own, with his own potential. PARENTAL INTERFERENCE

There is a great temptation for parents to try to relive their own lives in perfection in their first child. Often they resort to techniques which will prevent the expression of the child's individual personality. In effect, these parents try to mold the child's life to fit their own desires.

Still other parents want their children to be perfect in their own right. Here again they act to destroy the individuality of the child, usually the first child, through strict discipline and by rejecting him when he fails to accomplish the goals they have set.

They create behavior standards that are unnecessarily high. They may insist upon table manners, performance, cleanliness or neatness which are beyond the level represented on it and was completely ignored, except for one meeting at which the Commissioners were invited to sit, as on-lookers only. In spite of this, the Commission encouraged its expert Engineer to give all information available from the efficient records prepared and kept by him. No co-operation was begrudged or even delayed.

So what can be the trouble? Have they been neglectful of backslapping or why should they be kicked out? After all, each member of the Commission was elected by the City at large and not by an area as small as some of the City wards.

It seems strange that three months after the Election, one elected body should undertake to abolish another elected body without giving the Citizens a valid reason for doing so. Since 1887 the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply have handled their department efficiently and economically, and have not been influenced in their decisions by Civic Political interference or intrigue. For many years this department has been paying its way and also turning over to the City Council, each year, a surplus which they, the City Council, were very pleased to receive to aid them in their own financing. All this is done on a very low water rate charge.

Should this Board be abolished, what the future holds in the matter of increased water rates or less efficient service, is anybody's guess. I think that we, as Citizens, should assert ourselves in no uncertain terms on this question. I am, Sir, etc., J. L. CURRAN, Former Water Commissioner.

NOTES BY THE WAY

More than 1,000 pennies were placed uselessly in Ottawa's new parking meters in their first week of operation. This represents 1,000 fruitless attempts to get a penny to do the work of a nickel. Well, there's no harm in trying.—Ottawa Journal

"How did you get here?" a prison visitor asked an old jail-burglar — and it was all my own fault. I spent three months and 10 pounds of horsemeat making friends with a dog, and then in the dark I stepped on the cat." —Galt Reporter

opment level of the child. Then, there is yet another hazard of being a first child. Because he is loved so much, because he is so precious to his young parents, he may be considered too fragile, too important, to be permitted to act on his own.

Thus, these parents tend to protect him from everything—from competition, from anger, from every physical hazard. They place a protective arm about him wherever he goes. This, of course, serves to kill a youngster's natural curiosity to try new things and it acts to keep him from doing anything for himself. He won't act on his own, he loses his initiative. When a child is unnecessarily overprotected, he generally becomes overdependent.

You see, it really is tough to be a first child. QUESTION AND ANSWER W.M.: My child was stung repeatedly last summer by bees. She had a severe reaction and almost died from these stings. Is there any way she can be immunized against them? Answer: Recent tests have shown that an extract made from dead bees and given in increasing dosages at various intervals, will immunize a child against bee stings.

Potato shippers from all parts of the province gathered yesterday at Birch Court and formed the P.E.I. Potato Shippers' Advisory Association with Mr. William Hughes, M.L.A., as President. The purpose of the meeting was to form some constructive measures to prevent a re-occurrence of the reefer car shortage which took place last fall.

Cyrus Eaton may not be a popular figure in the United States after the state department digests a few remarks he made during a television interview, but it is encouraging to people in other lands to recognize that someone in the U.S. is quite willing to criticize the sterile policy that has been emanating from Washington in recent years.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) (May 20, 1933) At a special meeting of the City Council last evening, the matter of repairing the Victoria Park breakwater, which had been damaged during last Saturday and Sunday, was discussed. Councillor Hennessey, chairman of the Public Property Committee, stated that repair work had begun this week.

During the last three days there has been raging in the woods at Afton Road and Frenchton, and has devastated territory for a distance of between three and four miles. The area included in the fire extends from Evanswoods at Afton Road to Mr. McNally's at Frenchton.

TEN YEARS AGO

(May 20, 1948) The cod fishermen of this province have a better chance to dispose of their catches this season at fair prices than at any one time. It is understood that Mr. George Walls of Washington plans to open a central fish-drying plant whose capacity will be in the millions of pounds and to which fish from all over the province may be taken.

The Poet's Corner

EARLY GARDEN I saw a garden a-bloom today, With roses nodding so pert and gay. "We're meant for you," they seemed to say. Then in a moment my glance was caught By the dainty grace of a lovely plot Of old-fashioned pinks and forget-me-nots. Fringed with the blue of delphiniums And the saucy, yellow of baby mums That stood in a row like fairy drums. But I did not pick the gold and green. For every flower that I had seen Was grown on the back of a magazine! —Gladys McKay in the Regina Leader Post.

The Age Old Story

We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

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