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Nursing Profession

Whether Canada is to have national health insurance or not it is still of vital importance that the nursing profession be maintained in numbers and efficiency. The proposals of the Canadian Nurses' Association submitted to the Federal Minister of Health and Welfare outline the major requirements for Canada to continue to enjoy adequate nursing, the fact that they were submitted in anticipation of a national scheme does not affect their validity, although such a scheme would have made the problems immediately more pressing.

The brief is based on the Provincial Health Survey Reports which indicated that the problems faced by the nursing profession are general across the country and to a very considerable degree can be relieved by Federal action. This is despite the fact that the particular activities fall within Provincial jurisdiction as, for instance, nursing education and the organization of home care to relieve congestion of hospital services.

The recruitment, training and utilization of nurses, research to advance the effectiveness of the profession, and studies of nursing needs are all of national importance and can best be dealt with in co-operation between Provincial and Federal authorities. Health is of concern to all and the public is literally vitally interested in how the nursing profession is adapted to taking its part in either a national health scheme or in serving the national health without such a scheme.

Profit And Loss

In 1952 profits of Canada's manufacturing industries averaged only five cents on each dollar of sales. This, says the Ottawa Journal, may surprise many. And their surprise may be even greater when they learn that out of this five cents of profit from each dollar sale only 2.2 cents were paid in dividends, the remaining 2.8 cents put back into the business. This is the "plutocracy" whose "hidden hand" we often hear about.

The people who own and run these manufacturing industries risked their money in them, burdened themselves with work and worry. At the end of a year they found themselves with a return of a little more than two per cent, plus a bit more than two per cent which they risked again for more work and worry. Yet any of these men could have put their original investment in safe government bonds, avoided work and worry, got a bigger return. Or, at the end of the year, they could have sold their business to somebody else, put the cash in the bank or in bonds, got rid of continued worry.

"Nor is this the whole picture," adds The Journal. "We hear of the industries that survive, that make a profit of five cents on the dollar. We don't hear of the industries that make no profit, nor of the industries that fail. Yet there are many—many industries that just keep their heads above water and some which don't even do that. A glance at the record of business failures is an enlightening thing. Enlightenment about what we call our 'profit system', out which is really our profit and loss system. Yet despite small returns, our manufacturing industries keep going, with men willing to risk their capital just because they have industry and ambition. Last year their investments totalled \$4,700 million and they employed 437,000 people.

British Agricultural Shows

Farm-minded Canadians in Britain for the Coronation will have a special welcome at the country's agricultural shows. The various agricultural societies are hoping to entertain many visitors from the Commonwealth and some are offering free entry to the show, free meals and free grand-stand seats. The Bath and West Show, first of Britain's main agricultural events this year, opens on June 3. The others occur at close intervals during the following weeks, with the Royal Show scheduled for July 7-10 at Blackpool in the North of England. This is the largest agricultural exhibit of its kind in the world. In it appear the finest examples of British farm livestock and the latest developments in farm machinery. Over 5,000 of the country's best farm livestock will be entered, including about 20 breeds of cattle, 10 breeds of pigs, nearly 30 breeds of sheep, and light and heavy

horses. A highlight is the grand parade of cattle, when about 500 prize-winning animals from all the different breeds are in the ring at the same time. Last year overseas visitors from 38 countries visited the show, where a special overseas pavilion is provided for their help and entertainment. This year's show will cover about 160 acres, of which nearly half will be occupied by 700 trade and machinery stands.

The Bath and West Show dates back to 1780, but there is nothing old-fashioned about it these days. On a show ground of 100 acres will be exhibited practically all breeds of British livestock and the finest pedigree animals in the world, as well as a wide range of trade exhibits. Manufacturers will display all types of agricultural machinery and implements, including the latest inventions and improvements. On show also will be rural craft work, flowers, and ring events.

Other big fairs will include the Three Counties Agricultural Society Show at Racecourse, Hereford, at which premiums worth \$40,000 for pedigree livestock are being offered; the Royal Highland Show, at Ailua, thirty-four miles west of Edinburgh, Scotland's national agricultural festival; the Royal Welsh Show, at Pontcanna Fields, near Cardiff, specializing in displays of Welsh breeds of cattle, ponies, sheep and pigs, and with an 8-acre area devoted to educational exhibits; and the National Poultry Show, at Olympia, London, at which Britain's entire poultry industry will be represented.

EDITORIAL NOTES

That Prince Edward Island was once part of the mainland is the theory of the National Museum's Ornithologist, W. Earl Godfrey. What really concerns Islanders, however, are the people who seem unaware that we ever did acquire a distinct existence.

Safety experts report that drivers who wake up with a snarl in the morning are more likely to have accidents than others. It would seem that a morning when one gets out of the wrong side of the bed is a good occasion for letting someone else do the driving.

United Kingdom exports to Canada in April were an all-time high at £16 (\$44.8) million. This compares with £11.3 million a month average in the first quarter of this year, and with a previous best of £15.6 million in July, 1951. At this rate it should soon be possible for the Old Country to increase its purchases of Canadian products.

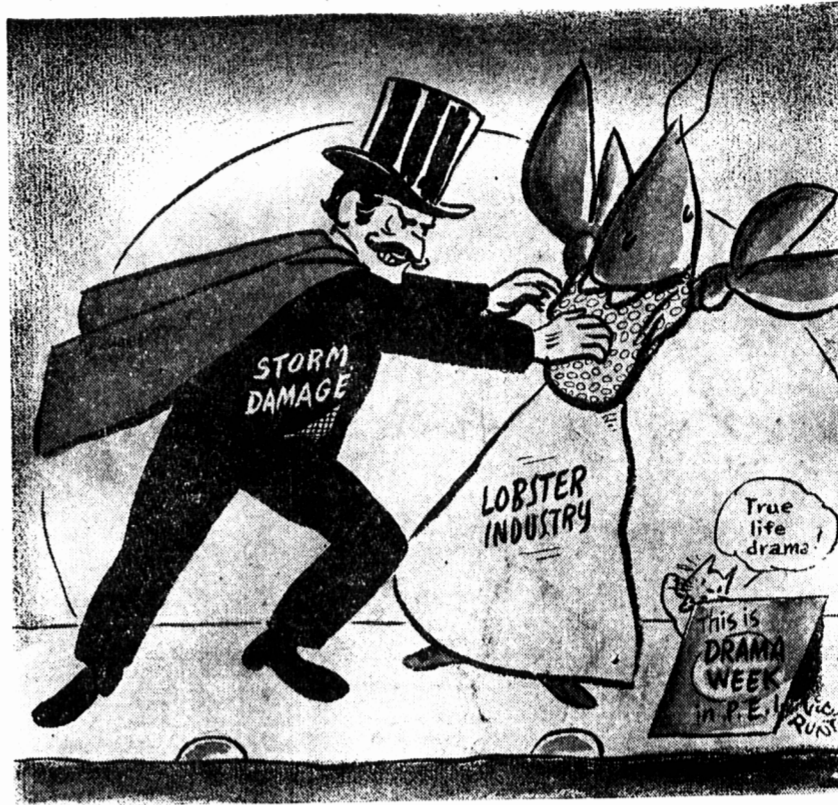
The fact that Premier Macdonald's Liberals were returned in Nova Scotia with 22 out of 37 seats by 50.5 per cent of the popular vote will no doubt raise a few demands for proportional representation. The main thing is, however, that the party which gets in should have sufficient strength to govern properly, and that is usually assured by the present electoral system.

The deputy postmaster-general was a bit apologetic because Canadian stamps are hand engraved rather than photo engraved with the result that likenesses are not always achieved. It is to be hoped that no change in the direction of photo-engraving of stamps is made. The loss in quality of all stamps would far offset the gain in accuracy of reproduction.

William Pitt, the Younger, was born this date 1759. The younger son of the first Earl of Chatham, Pitt delivered his maiden parliamentary speech in favour of Burke's bill for economic reform. He declined a minor cabinet post but accepted the chancellorship of the exchequer in 1782. Later, in the same post, he instituted the sinking fund. He successfully maintained that only Parliament could name a regent. He brought about the union of Great Britain and Ireland in 1800. On his death he was buried in Westminster Abbey and his debts were paid by the nation.

The Canada Year Book 1952-53 is now available after a six-months postponement of publication to permit incorporation of statistics from the 1951 census. Comprising no less than 1266 pages, it synthesizes all the important reports and publications of Federal and Provincial governments; it summarizes and co-ordinates statistics of physiography, demography, health, welfare, resources, productions, trade, transportation, communications and finance. A succinct analysis of the administrative functions of the various departments of the Federal Government is also included. It is interesting to note that the value of the net production of this Province increased every year since 1944 except for 1947 and that although there have been variations in the meantime, the Province had the same percentage of the total net Canadian production in the final year, 1949, as in 1944.

In The Hands Of The Villain



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.

FISH PRODUCT LABELS

Sir,—The other day the honourable member from Queen's (Mr. McLeure of Prince Edward Island) asked the Minister of Fisheries if it would be possible to have canned mackerel, an indifferent seller, marketed under the label "Baby Tuna". The Minister told him that, inasmuch as it was unlawful to sell goods under a false label, what he suggested could not be done.

Either the Minister did not know his fish or he gave a deceptive answer. Here are some facts about Maritime fish:

1. For years a large canning factory in New Brunswick has been canning and marketing small hering under the label "Sardines". Many other factories have been doing the same.

2. "Finnan Haddock" is a trade name for unskinned, mild-salted smoked haddock. A mixture of cod, hake and haddock, skinned, boned and cooked has appeared in our grocery stores as "Finnan Haddock", if smoked, and as "Chicken Haddock" if unsmoked.

3. Of the three main kinds of ground fish, haddock is marketed fresh, and cod and hake, dried, salted. When boned and skinned, dried hake appears under the label "Boneless Cod" either mixed with cod or by itself. I am, Sir, etc.

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LOVELIER ON RETURN

Sir,—The other day I met an acquaintance who had just returned from a trip to Toronto. In fact, it was his first venture off the Island. His impressions of the Queen City were interesting. He was surprised at the large number of taxis in Toronto. He figured there were pretty nearly as many as in Charlottetown. Continuing the recital of his experiences, he said: "I can't imagine how that city ever came to be referred to as 'Toronto the good'. Originally," I explained, "the designation was self-applied with questionable appropriateness. Now, however, it is universally conceded an ironical connotation."

"All the time I was there," he said, "I could not help thinking resentfully of Mr. Karsh's disparaging remarks about the Island." I comforted him against considering Mr. Karsh a barometer of the Upper Canadian mentality. Although that gentleman (using the term loosely) is a naturalized citizen, the legalization of his status as such does not affect his mentality and tastes, which still have the tang of Mount Ararat.

Anyway, my friend was happy to get back home, and more willing than ever before to settle for the Island as a nice place to live. That's the effect excursions into the other Provinces invariably produce. Islanders whom circumstances force to live abroad never lose their enthusiastic admiration

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For the sparkling emerald gleaming up from the waves of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Take, for instance, Mrs. D. J. Gordon who writes occasionally from Oakland, California. Throughout her letters there is a mellifluous nostalgic strain that sings her deathless attachment to the fair land of her birth.

In California the skies may be sunnier, the springtimes more balmy, and the harvests more golden, but nevertheless the picture of Prince Edward Island, its shadows dissolved by distance, rises in Mrs. Gordon's mind adorned with the infinitely sweet radiance of indelible ties scintillating like a nimbus around its brow. The best cure for Islanders with itchy feet is a trip "away". I am, Sir, etc.

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LUCKY FIND

FOAM LAKE Sask. (CP)—Working in his fields, farmer William Bobek turned up a wallet containing \$100 and some valuable papers. He had lost it in the snow six months ago but the contents were still in good condition.

The Poet's Corner

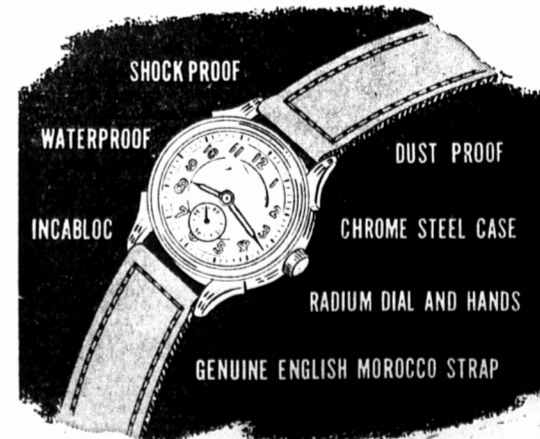
FROM "HORSES"

Who, in the garden pony carrying skeps Of grass or fallen leaves, his knees gone slack, Round belly, hollow back, Sees the Mongolian Tarpan of the Steppes? Or, in the Shire with plait and feathered feet, The war-horse like the wind the Tartar knew? Or, in the Suffolk Punch, spells out anew The wild grey asses fleet With stripe from head to tail, and moderate ears? In cross sea-donkeys, sheltering as storm gathers, The mountain zebras maned upon the withers, With round enormous ears? And who in thoroughbreds in stable crib Of blazoned rug, ranged orderly, will mark The wastful eyelashes so long and dark, And call to mind the old blood of the Barb, And that slim island on whose bare campaigns Galloped with flying manes. For a King's pleasure, churning surf and scud, A white Arabian stud? —Dorothy Wellesley.

The Age Old Story

Evil men understand not judgment; but they that seek the Lord understand all things. . . . Whose keepeth the law is a wise son; but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father. . . . He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer

PEACE AND WAR

When I tire of reading about the multifarious expedients that are being tried in an attempt to bring about a measure of stability in a world that has gone awry, I have recourse to some periodical published in the long ago. And I find that our forebears had questions similar to our own and found it no easier to hit on the correct answer. They had one advantage, however, in that they seemed to be satisfied with less and they had fewer lethal weapons with which to threaten destruction of their civilization.

Recently I have been browsing through some bound copies of a magazine published in Boston in 1855 under the elaborate name "Victorial Drawing-room Companion". How well it functioned as a drawing-room companion I have no means of knowing, but it appears obvious that the editor's "editorial" was not out of place. The engravings depicting both contemporary and historical events, as well as allegorical representations, are delightful to the eye. At least, they are to mine.

Photography, especially in its modern near-perfection, may be accurate enough, but it appears to lack some of the living fire that characterizes a good artist's conception. Like almost everybody else these days, magazine "set-up" men are in a state of chronic hurry. There is so much to do and so little time in which to do it. Consequently, they can't afford to bother much about engravings and the like. A photograph or a snapshot does the trick just as well. Anyway, very few readers care very much one way or the other.

One of the more interesting engravings in the old periodical to which I refer is captioned "Peace and War". A subject as old as the human species and as new as this morning's newspaper. Standing in the place of honour is a female with flowing dress and brandishing a wand. I have never seen a satisfactory explanation as to why peace is almost always depicted as a female. No doubt there are good and sufficient reasons for it.

Behind her are two rather impish looking angels who are probably wondering why the lady is shaking a stick. In front, a few yards away, sits another young female symbolizing "art". At the moment she appears to be drawing something or other on a writing pad that rests on her lap. Her occupation with art is not entirely undivided, however. And no wonder, for in the distance young men and women, and a couple of oldsters, are dancing merrily on the green to the accompaniment of what appears to be a flute held by a middle-aged farmer who looks as if he hasn't had a haircut for more than a month. A small locomotive engine, then in its youth, is trying desperately to pull a caboose and, apparently,

not succeeding too well. Two or three sheaves of grain, a basket of fruit and an assortment of bottles presumably containing cider make up the balance of this picture of peace. No automobile or television. These disturbers of the peace had not yet been born.

In the other picture, War, another female, not nearly so good looking as the first, though every bit as determined, is angrily leading her sister furies, armed with flaming torches, in an attack on a peaceful village. This time, Peace is sitting by the roadside, sobbing. A little church (Colonial style, as befitting New England dignity) is burning. Men and horses are all thrown together in carnage. God's sky is still visible, however, and a number of birds are flying around, wondering, no doubt, what the commotion is, and why.

Add a few touches here; subtract a few there; and the pictures of 1953 would not differ in any essential detail from those of 1855. Man is still wondering, as he wondered then, if war ever will be outmoded. For some strange reason, the hard looking woman with a burning torch in one hand and a knife in the other (now, of course, it would be a flame-thrower and an atom bomb) can still hold her own with her peaceful rival who loves to wave a wand in the direction of art and gaiety.

I thought, as I read the editorial comments on the two engravings, how little the heart of man has changed in a hundred years or, for that matter, in a thousand years. That thought, too, how similar are our basic outlooks, our hopes and our fears, to those of our ancestors. A "great" war was raging in 1855 and, oddly enough, the conflict was between Russia and the West. It is not now the same Russia or the same West, but the tension is still there.

The editor laments the use of "engines of destruction more terrible than were ever before pgeged into the service of war." He goes on to say, with a viewpoint as fresh as today's rain, "The lessons of the past are lost upon mankind". Another hundred years have passed into war-troubled history, and the lessons are still lost. Will they ever be found and called into service?

Sub-Arctic birds such as puffins, Arctic terns, eider ducks and razor-billed auks nest on islands in the Bay of Fundy.

The site of Prince Albert, Sask., was named after the consort of Queen Victoria in 1866.

Prince Patrick Island in the Franklin district of the Northwest Territories has an area of 1,100 square miles.

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