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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink." CHARLOTTETOWN, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27, 1950

Mr. Pearson in Eclipse

In sessions of the United Nations General Assembly Secretary of State for External Affairs L. B. Pearson has hitherto been the "white haired boy" of the conference table.

In the General Assembly of UN now in session, however, Mr. Pearson is just the leader of the Canadian delegation.

A not unlikely explanation is that delegates from other countries have chosen this method of expressing their governments' disapproval of Canada's response to the Korean crisis.

The fact of the matter is, as the proceedings of the emergency session of Parliament reveal, that the Government proposes nothing more than token aid in the Korean affair, with the promise of a brigade of men, perhaps six months hence.

Against such a background, Mr. Pearson's eclipse at UN is at least understandable.

P.E.I. Shows Substantial Gain

It is encouraging to note, according to the latest release by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, that despite a decline in the over-all cash income from the sale of farm products in the first half-year of 1950 for the whole Dominion, Prince Edward Island registered a gain of well over half a million dollars, the figure being \$3,502,000 as against \$3,813,000 for the corresponding months of last year.

In the period under review total cash farm income for Canada was \$870,516,000, a drop of 18.6 per cent from the \$1,069,405,000 earned in the comparable half year of 1949, and 5.9 per cent below the \$925,008,000 earned in the six months of 1948.

The 400,000 dairy farmers in Canada felt the impact of price changes on their income to the extent of seven per cent. Their earnings in the six months of this year amounted to \$153,700,000 as against \$165,000,000 in the like period of 1949, or a decline of \$11,300,000.

The position of grain growers is different. In their case the reduction had nothing to do with prices. The bigger income in the 1949 period was due to the fact that the Government then announced a 20 per cent per bushel increase in the price it was paying for western wheat delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board.

Live stock raisers, excepting those engaged in hog raising, also had higher cash income in the first half of 1950. Their combined total accrual was \$389,400,000, which represents an increase of 10.4 per cent over the 1949 figure of \$352,800,000.

Looked at from gains and losses, five provinces were in the former category while the three Prairie areas and Nova Scotia comprised those on the declining side. Ontario led the gainers by approximately \$13,000,000, total cash farm income in the 1950 half-year being \$324,224,000 as against \$311,172,000 in the like period of 1949.

to \$35,836,000 from \$35,103,000. New Brunswick led the three Maritime Provinces in total cash income, it also showing an increase as did Prince Edward Island.

Important Meeting

Much interest attaches to the annual meeting of the Young Progressive Conservative Association which takes place tomorrow evening in Charlottetown.

Our political leaders have no more important responsibility than of encouraging youth organizations within the framework of their respective parties.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Glass combiners have not had the good fortune of the flour combiners which cost Mr. F. A. McGregor his job as Federal combine investigator.

The Island has not quite escaped the ravages of polio but we may be thankful that medical opinion is that the danger of epidemic is passed for this year.

It seems strange to read of the U. K. being accused of being "isolationist" by a Labour back-bencher. A few years ago we would have automatically corrected such a paragraph to read U. S.

The hundred thousand odd dollars which "Hello" girls are said to have stolen from the Southern Bell Telephone Co., Miami, might rightly be described as "phony money" though not in the accepted meaning.

Mr. Pat Conroy, national secretary of the Canadian Congress of Labour, describes Communists as men "crawling on their bellies to Joe Stalin". Apt, but only some of them don't take time to crawl—they fly instead.

Nova Scotia Marketing Board has in sight only 600,000 orders out of a crop of 1,000,000 barrels of apples. An appeal made to Mr. R. J. Leslie, manager of the U. K. Marketing Board, now in Ottawa, is likely to bear fruit in both senses of the expression.

Proposals to curb famine in the Far East by making use of herring from the Atlantic Ocean and the North Sea hold untold promise. Elizabethan England subsisted very largely upon the tasty herring, and managed substantial achievement on the diet.

The death of Lt. Col. John Bayne Maclean of Maclean's Magazine fame removes a colorful personality from newspaper and magazine circles. He was a man of strong convictions and not afraid to express them when the occasion called for them.

It is predicted the next Governor of Australia will be the Minister of National Affairs, Mr. E. G. Jansen, a 69-year-old lawyer, a leading member of the Nationalist Party. He was a member of the Republican delegation that went to Europe in 1919 to ask negotiators of the Treaty of Versailles to dissolve the South African Union.

Horatio, Viscount Nelson, British Admiral, born this date 1758. Came to the front in the wars against the French, losing an eye in an attack in Corsica. By disobedience to orders Nelson won for Sir John Jervis a brilliant victory off Cape St. Vincent against Spain; he received the Order of the Bath and an annual pension of \$3,000; he next lost his right arm in a hopeless attack on Teneriffe; his next outstanding achievement was in the Battle of the Nile when he was created a baron with an additional pension of \$10,000.

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.

A QUESTION OF SPEED LIMITS

Sir, — They say it is dangerous to drive in Paris — the taxi drivers being labelled among the most erratic in the world. They are. I know. I was there.

They say that the native motorists in India are if not the worst — next to the worst drivers in the world. They're pretty bad. I know. I was there.

They say that the road between Chicago and Detroit is the fastest and, on account of the excessive speeds, one of the most dangerous in the world. It is incredible enough. I know. I was there.

They said during the war that the congested British roads had never experienced such driving as was exhibited by the drivers of the Allied vehicles living in their midst. It was amazing enough and there were casualties aplenty. I know. I was a victim of some of that bad driving and had two cars smashed to smithereens by army vehicles and somehow managed to survive.

But of all the hell-driving ever seen, that on the Montague-Souris road (Route 5) yesterday was the worst. I know. I was also there. The truckers delivering gravel for road repairs on this route, drove with thoughtless regard to the rights and safety of travellers and other road-users. Such an exhibition of suicidal and bad-mannered driving I have never witnessed.

The only signal to others were the glaring headlights they kept on as some sort of warning to keep clear. I was never so relieved to get off a road. The farmer and his wife, to whom I gave a lift, told me it was like this each day and how glad they were their cottage did not flank the road for the sake of the children.

In Great Britain, heavy road vehicles are limited to 20 m.p.h., medium vehicles to 35 m.p.h., and wagons to 40 m.p.h. The law in peacetime is strictly enforced. The law here could do with stricter rulings, greater enforcement and heavier penalties. What's the hurry anyway? We'll all reach the end of the way soon enough.

Truly, I believe those inhabitants of this pleasant Island who resisted the advent of the death-dealing motor vehicle into their midst might not have been so far wrong — at least when such are put into irresponsible hands and driven demonically as they were yesterday.

I am, Sir, etc., KENNETH I. E. MACLEOD Charlottetown Sept. 26, 1950.

The steamer Rose arrived on Wednesday evening from Pictou, having on board some 200 and upwards of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, who were speedily conducted, by the attentive hosts upon whom they were billeted, to comfortable quarters for the night.

The early part of the next day proving wet and showery, the tea party on the Government House grounds was put off, while the guests amused themselves, between the intervals of rain, with viewing the town, some from the roof of the Colonial Building, others from the streets, until about 1 o'clock, when the rain ceased, and the return of fine weather prompted a great number to make excursions in the neighbourhood of the town.

"In the evening, between 7 and 8 o'clock, the Temperance Hall, spacious as it is, was literally crammed with the two Temperance brass bands were in attendance, and played alternately several beautiful airs. Appropriate speeches were delivered by Luther Brackett, of Pictou, Mr. Harrington, of Antigonish, and C. W. Harris, of Horton, in Nova Scotia, and Messrs. Lawson and Jas. Moore, sr., of Charlottetown. Mr. Jas. B. Cooper, G. A., occupied the chair.

"On Friday, at 2 p. m., the Sons of Temperance, accompanied by the music of their respective bands, marched in procession through the town, and proceeded to the Government House, where an address was delivered by Rev. D. Fitzgerald to His Excellency Sir Alexander Bannerman, who made a suitable reply, after which they continued their route to that part of the grounds where the tables of refreshments were placed, and a scene of festivity broke upon the

The Poet's Corner

MIDNIGHT GUN

The August night was warm and so still that two could stand between the towering rows of corn until deep in that waveless sea of green. Their straining ears could catch the sound. The faint crisp sound of nearby growth.

And in that miracle they found a ghostly growth that brought them both. Still closer in their fringed power Where silence up to sound could reach.

Where in that life-revealing hour Young love was heard in whispered speech. —Arthur Stringer in Saturday Night.

Fossil-Headed Bureaucrats

(Journal of the Royal Society of Arts)

At a recent meeting of the Royal Society of Arts in London, Sir William Currie, G.B.E., chairman of the P. and O. and British India Steam Navigation Companies read a paper on British Shipping. At its conclusion the following discussion, reflecting on the lack of enterprise and progressiveness on the part of the powers-that-be, took place:

The chairman, (Sir Harry Lindsey, K.C.I.E., C.B.E., Director of the Imperial Institute): I should like to ask Sir William Currie a question myself. It goes rather far back into the history of the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company. I understand, Sir, that in the year of grace 1837 your Company — in other hands in the War Office that, in order to supply relief troops for India during the Mutiny, it would be very sound if the Company took the drafts to Alexandria; whence they would be taken overland to Suez, where other of the Company's vessels would pick them up and carry them to Bombay. The War Office of those days replied, I understand, that the relief transports for India had never gone there by any other route than round the Cape, and they did not propose to make any change! Now, that is rather a delightful story, and I should like to know whether there is any truth in it!

The Lecturer: I have heard it, but I would not like to vouch for whether it is actually true or not. In those days we did have a service to be taken over to Suez by camels and coaches and re-embarked there.

The Chairman: I only quoted

Overheard Overhead At Charlottetown P. O.



Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

TEMPERANCE GATHERING

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. delighted eye, to which the pencil only could do adequate justice. It is supposed that there could not be less than 2,000 persons present, who appeared highly delighted.

"On Saturday, at 8 a. m., the Pictou guests were escorted by their brethren of Charlottetown, in full regalia, to the steamer Rose, where with bands playing, colours flying, and amid hearty cheers, the gallant little vessel departed for Pictou."

In a subsequent issue the Gazette said: "The Eastern Chronicle of the 26th ult. says that a drunk-en black man made his appearance on the ground, and that 'it was very soon discovered that his appearance there was a trick of some of the respectable anti-temperance men of Charlottetown', and concludes that he was a fitting representative of the elite of Charlottetown."

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Notes By The Way

Psychiatrists say "fairy tales are harmful to children." Probably are, if they hear the ones Father tells Mother when he gets in late.—Ottawa Citizen. Instead of saucers, Californians now report a mysterious cloud, "with hues of green, orange, yellow and blue." Very likely some Hollywood director has been blowing off steam in technicolor.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

Toronto, for three months past, has been bothered by a moron who reports fictitious holdups, and sends police on futile chases to various parts of the city. Now another moron, with the same idea of fun has made his appearance here. No more fitting classification can be applied to the person who reported a down-town jewelry store was being robbed, and brought out police on what proved to be a hoax. The party responsible would look quite natural in a strait jacket, and sooner or later he may be fitted for one.—Windsor Star.

The world famous London fashion designer, Captain Edward Molyneux, has been forced to close his London fashion house owing to falling eyesight. The loss of an eye in World War I had hampered him, but his fight for success between the World Wars won him a top place not only in London but in that far tougher battleground of fashion.—Paris. Molyneux, an Englishman, began in Paris quietly introducing clothes of such restrained elegance that Parisiennes could not resist them. They loved, too, their timelessness — a Molyneux suit could be worn for years and still look chic.—UK Information.

Look at what happens when Am-torg, the Kremlin's trading organization in New York wants to find housing accommodation for its attaches. Does it seek a proletarian atmosphere among the tenement dwellers of the East Side? Or in those congested areas across the river where that tree grows in Brooklyn? Not on your life. Nothing less than a luxurious estate out in Nassau county on Long Island will do for these hard-bitten peasants—a mansion of forty-five rooms and conservatively valued at \$350,000, bless you. Long Island is recognized as one of the garden spots of the United States. Mayor Luke A. Mercadante of Glen Cove points out that this estate occupied by the Russians is one of the most imposing in that part of the country. It is known as Killenworth. Persons of considerable wealth live thereabouts, such as the Kennel-owning and polo-playing set, industrialists, merchant princes, bankers and brokers. It is a veritable hive of capitalists and free entrepreneurs.—Hamilton Spectator.

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