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Children and Dentists

The opening of the children's playgrounds in Charlottetown this Centennial year coincided with the opening of the three-day convention of the Maritime Dental Association...

There was an early day when dentists, amateur or professional, were content to extract offending teeth. A more constructive spirit soon showed, however, in the preservation of the natural teeth whenever possible...

The modern dentist goes even more deeply into the problem. He is interested in the eating habits of his patients and of the mothers-to-be of future patients...

The children, therefore, as well as the grown-up citizens of Charlottetown welcome the visiting members of M. D. A. and wish them well in their objectives.

Financial Groundwork

The spadework is now being done at Ottawa by Federal and Provincial deputy finance ministers for the meeting of premiers next October. The tax rental agreement which expires next March call for comprehensive study in order that new agreements may be made in the best interests of the nation and provinces.

It is said that a major issue which will come up at the premiers' conference will be whether or not to go in for a national health insurance plan. That is as may be, but the deputies must have the facts and figures ready in case they should be called for.

Their work, therefore, will provide authoritative information on the country's economy and, amongst other things, its financial ability to cope with such a plan. The detailed financial and economic progress of the various areas must necessarily receive attention.

It may well be time to reconsider the basis for adjusting the grants to provinces in regard to the gross national product. Every year that figure has grown and the provinces, including Prince Edward Island, have benefited by a comparatively recent reduction in the number of years over which the figure is averaged. That would, however, be a disadvantage in case of the opposite trend, even for one or two years.

England's White Cattle

Aristocracy in England is not limited to the descendants of the Norman knights who came over with William the Conqueror. There is, in Northumberland, says the Chatham News, at least one family whose ancestry goes much further back, and whose members were not long ago called on to mourn the passing of their monarch.

The monarch was the 13-year-old bull who for an unprecedentedly long lifetime had ruled the famous herds of the Earl of Tankerville at spacious Chillingham Park.

This is one of the most remarkable herds of cattle in the world—in fact it is sui generis, unique, the only one of its kind. These cattle are direct descendants of the wild oxen—the urus—that in prehistoric times roamed over Europe, and which Caesar refers to in his commentaries.

The Tankerville Earldom dates from 1714, but the herd goes back much farther—perhaps seven centuries—to the time when the lord of the manor was given royal permission to enclose the estate.

The Tankerville cattle, lineal descendants of the fabulous aurochs, are short and stocky, pure white, except for black muzzles and chestnut furry ears, and eyes a fierce jet black. Their large horns curve inward.

Through centuries long recorded but mostly unrecorded except by tradition the herd have maintained their own primeval code, and have achieved, it would seem, a deep-rooted pride in their blue-blooded heredity.

It is said that, if a human being were to pat one of them, the rest of the herd would gang up on the animal and gore it to death. Nor will they mate with any other breed. The king bull makes himself ruler by fighting and conquering his predecessor and rivals; and during his reign no other bull is allowed to mate with the cows, thus breeding from strength to maintain the strength of the race.

Records first started in the seventeenth century and kept ever since then, show that His Late Majesty, the 13-year-old king bull who has just given up the ghost, had reigned longer than any of his predecessors.

Farm Hazards

In a bulletin recently issued by the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, emphasis is placed on the dangers which lurk on the farm, and some of the accident hazards are cited as a warning against carelessness. Dangerous stairs and ladders come into this category. The latter should be carefully checked and where rungs are loose they should be replaced or tightened.

Feed chutes are the cause of many other falls, and trap doors over them or built-up covers are urged. These "holes in the floor" are particularly dangerous to young folk, quite often summer visitors, who love to play in the hay mow or just explore about the barn. Old wells might come under a similar category, though accidents involving them generally end in death rather than injury.

The handling of bulls is included. Every now and then a farmer, his wife or children or visitors are gored by "pet" bulls. The truth of the matter is that there is no such animal as a safe "pet" bull. They are unpredictable and should never be allowed loose where people might come into contact with them. Even a quiet herd sire is not safe on a rope, the brochure states. A staff, snapped to his nose ring, should be used. He should not be allowed to roam loose in the barnyard.

Much stress is placed on fire hazard in its many forms. The use of heat bulbs brings the warning that a 250-watt heat lamp can set fire to straw when the clearance is one inch. Heat lamps should be installed individually, suspended by a chain, and not closer than 12 inches from the litter. Light bulbs too can cause fire if too close to inflammable material—and barns are notorious for fine highly inflammable dust. Proper precautions on motor installations are stressed. Steel stanchions should be properly grounded, wires should not pass near trees where young people might climb and come into contact with them.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is not every day or indeed every year that we are privileged to have such an outstanding group of Canadian artists as the Leslie Bell Singers. The Centennial Committee and the Centennial Y's Men are to be congratulated on giving our citizens and visitors the opportunity of attending their performance.

This is Youth Day in Farmers' Week and young people from the farms are being welcomed to the city and to the Experimental Station. It is indeed a fine gesture on their part to make a very special effort to contribute to Charlottetown's Centennial celebrations.

A Paul Revere Day is being celebrated in Perigueux, France, the birthplace of the famous rider's father. Revere had many skills besides riding and it is worthy of note, for the benefit of visiting dentists, that he found time to fashion silver dental plates which he advertised as, "Of real use in Speaking and Eating."

At the 17th anniversary meeting of the General Assembly for Moral Re-armament recently held at Mackinac Island, Michigan, its founder and leader, Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, gave an address on "The Electronics of the Spirit". All other things about it apart, it certainly was given a wide distribution, being presented on five continents, by international short-wave to Europe and Latin America over the World-wide Broadcasting System, by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and short-wave services of Holland and Rome, in 19 languages. It was broadcast nationally in Japan, Scandinavia, Ceylon, and Luxembourg, and to countries behind the Iron Curtain over Radio Trieste and Radio Berlin. It was read in Arabic over the national radio of Egypt by the Secretary General of the Arab League.



A Pattern Of Progress

PUBLIC FORUM

CAUSEWAY VS. BRIDGE

Sir,—As tenders are now being called for the construction of a causeway across Vernon River a little comment from the fishermen's angle might be in order.

About two months ago a notice regarding the proposed causeway was inserted in the local papers; and at that time, we, the fishermen of this locality, sensing the dangers to the fishing industry of such a project, made a list of our objections and mailed copies to the Department of Fisheries and Department of Public Works at Ottawa and the Provincial Department of Public Works, I might say in passing, we did not receive an acknowledgment from any of these departments.

The objections, however, did prove a stumbling-block to the causeway-minded for a short time, but with the encouragement and approval of the "powers that be" a petition in favour of a causeway was circulated locally and duly signed by many of the citizens with the desired result. The fishermen were outnumbered two to one; the momentous decision was made; and in a very short time tenders were called for the construction of said causeway.

There the story might end but we, the fishermen think a little more light might be thrown on the subject. We claim there are two miles of oyster bottom above Vernon Bridge and about one mile below which would be destroyed as a result of this project.

The oysters below the bridge would shortly be covered with silt and thus killed, while those above the bridge would automatically perish as the salt water turned to fresh.

At the present time we have no hesitation in saying there are thousands of barrels of marketable oysters on these beds. In the past six weeks half a dozen fishermen have removed two hundred and fifty barrels of oysters from about one quarter mile of this channel.

These facts and figures should be food for serious thought and we think the wonton destruction of such a "gold mine" would be a grave injustice to the fishermen, to the community and to the natural resources of this Province.

Speaking on conditions in the Maritimes at the Adult Education Conference recently held at St. Dunstan's, Mr. Guy Henson, Director of Adult Education in Nova Scotia, said: "I believe we are richly endowed with natural resources if we open our eyes to see them."

In this case we are not only closing our eyes but deliberately destroying our resources. There is also of considerable importance the smelt bag-net fishing which could not be carried on in still water. This four miles of channel on which bag-nets have been fished has proven a great stand-by for needy fishermen many years before unemployment insurance, old-age pensions and family allowances were even dreamed of.

millions of dollars annually; we have in Charlottetown a local branch of that department, we have also a Department of Fisheries in the local government. None of them seem to have studied the probable consequences of a causeway. Yet these are the people to whom we naturally turn and from whom we are entitled to receive, protection, guidance and leadership. Do we get it? "When we ask for bread they give us a stone."

In conclusion, Sir,—we think matters of such grave importance should not be decided by a few names on a petition; that the saving effected in construction of a causeway in no way compensates for the loss sustained by the community; that any action which affects the economy of a community to such an extent is worthy of a thorough investigation.

I am, Sir, etc., Signed on behalf of the fishermen of Vernon River.

CHAS. E. MURPHY

MARKETS AND COSTS

Sir,—Yesterday's luxuries are today's necessities and we need this rising standard of living if we are to have an expanding economy, which they tell us is so necessary.

Let us remember that it was the lowering of prices by passing on to consumers some of the savings of mechanization that made mass production and employment possible and gave us our high standard of living. In the final analysis, it is the consumers who must provide jobs for the workers replaced by automation or obsolescence of products.

Canada's gross national income has doubled since 1946 and I contend this to a large extent indicates a redistribution of wealth. The size of the pie has not increased that much. As I see it, if a wage increase results in higher prices it robs savings, pensions and family allowances, also goldminers, wheat-farmers and others in the less prosperous sections of the country whose income is not likely to rise.

It is to be hoped that Canada will not be stamped into a wave of inflation by U. S. industry and labour. Our economy is far from being as self-contained as theirs and we must find markets for much of our production outside of the high-priced dollar area, at prices those customers can pay. Five years ago the 30 percent devaluation of sterling and other European currencies created a low-cost trading area which made our surplus farm products too expensive and their manufacturing costs competitive. They have since widened the gap in prices by keeping down costs while we rode the gravy train.

We cannot afford a greater disparity in living costs between Canadians. Referring to the much heralded G.A.W. (guaranteed annual wage): it makes one wonder whether U.S. branch plants and American controlled labor unions have too much power over Canada's economic life. Presumably, the manufacturers will just collect any cost increases from the consumer in higher prices and it will not cost them anything. It is generally assumed that highly paid workers accustomed to seasonal layoffs are partly compensated for them in the regular wage.

I am, Sir, etc., JOHN GILBERT

Hanover, Ont.

Medically Speaking

Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. TODAY'S CLIMBING HABIT

Encourage your young baby to climb as soon as he wants to! Now this might seem rather dangerous advice. Actually it isn't. It might even save wear and tear on your best furniture.

Desire To Climb

Your baby isn't just trying to bother you or attract your attention by wanting to climb. His desire to climb is connected with his need to get ready for standing and walking. It is perfectly natural and even necessary for some babies to climb soon after they learn to crawl. Sometimes, they learn to climb before they learn to walk.

Generally your baby will learn fairly quickly and easily. He may learn to climb both upstairs and down again with you standing behind him for safety. It's probably best, though, to let him work out his climbing energy on something besides stairs, especially if you don't have a short stairway comprised of only two or three steps.

Set aside a special armchair, sofa or bed that the baby can climb as his own. Place a strong box, stool or tiny chair in front of this so he can climb on them with safety.

This will help him and you. Once he's familiar with his "climbing spot," he's less likely to try climbing steep stairways or in other dangerous places. It will also help keep him from climbing on your good furniture. And to a busy mother—and every mother is busy when her baby begins to crawl and climb—this saves nerves as well as work.

When will your tot begin to climb? Well, as you well know, every case is different. Usually, however, a baby will begin somewhere around the age of one year.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

A. C.: What can I do to stop my hair from falling out?

Answer: Falling hair may be due to your general condition since such things as anemia and poor digestion are sometimes responsible.

Among the drugs which may be used on the scalp are resorcin and sulphur. Sometimes a solution of borax is of value. Massaging the scalp sometimes helps. Tonics containing alcohol should not be used except occasionally.

The treatment should be carried out under the direction of your physician.

MP's and Their Work

(Ottawa Journal)

Many people visit the galleries of Parliament, note that many members are absent, remark disgustingly: "So we pay those people \$10,000 a year."

If such people knew a little more about how Parliament does its work they might be less disgusted, not such cocksure critics, would understand that the absent members were not sluggard truants in the smoking places or perhaps not in Ottawa at all, but were hard at work in committee rooms on the sort of jobs that really make Parliament tick.

The most useful MP's, the great MP's, are not always those who make the most speeches in the House and get the most headlines; as often as not they are the MP's who, seldom heard in the House, plod away throughout the session on all sorts of bills and measures and complex problems that are passed on to committees.

An example of what happens is shown by a statement this week telling that since the House met on January 6 committees of the Commons have held 235 meetings, dealt with a multiplicity of bills and measures and heard 269 witnesses, that 10 standing committees and three special committees have been almost continuously at work, and that one committee alone—that on broadcasting—met 35 times.

HISTORIC MESSAGE

The first cable message transmitted from Ireland to Newfoundland was sent by Queen Victoria in 1858.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Tourists are invited to Canada where they will get California orange juice, southern fried chicken, Virginia Ham, and Davy Crockett. — Edmonton Journal.

Organized tiger shoos, with at least one tiger guaranteed, are part of the Indian Government's plan to attract more tourists. This also might be a good way to frighten them away. — Vancouver Province.

A bill in the House of Commons provides for loans to primary fishing enterprises, such being defined as "the actual act of an individual." Upon compassionate grounds, it ought to apply also to the actual act of fishermen who don't catch any. — Toronto Telegram.

Down through the generations mothers have had a rough-and-ready method of ascertaining childhood ailments. They would first look at the tongue. They would tell by it, whether it was coated or not, and by the back of the throat, whether there was anything serious. Doctors, as well as mothers, would give the peremptory command: "Stick out your tongue." After it was inspected, the tongue would be held down while the throat was inspected. "Say ahhh," would also be the order, the idea being it is difficult to say "ahhh" without extending the tongue. This age-old barometer of health evidently still is sound practice. Dr. Alistair MacCrae, of Glasgow, at the British Medical Association conference in Toronto, recommends it as a clue to many

conditions. He fears there is perhaps too great reliance now on scientific aids to diagnosis. — Windsor Star.

Cyclists are making a big mistake if they feel traffic rules don't apply to them as well as to motorists, warns the Province of Quebec Safety League. The law obliges the cyclist to have a white reflector in the front of their vehicle and a red one at the rear for night driving. These are indispensable in preventing accidents. If he fails to do so, he is increasing his chances of becoming involved in an accident and in a collision with an automobile. It's the cyclist who gets the worst end of it. — Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

The Poet's Corner

THE NEW HOUSE

Now first, as I shut the door, I was alone In the new house; and the wind began to moan.

Old at once was the house, And I was old; My ears were teased with the dread Of what was foretold,

Night of storm, days of mist, with out end; Sad days when the sun Shone in vain; old griefs and griefs Not yet begun.

All was foretold me; naught Could I foresee; But I learned how the wind would sound After these things should be.

—Edward Thomas

The Age Old Story

Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities; thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

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