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New School Buildings

The question of new school buildings was discussed at the recent conference of the Canadian Education Association in Toronto and brought forth facts of interest. The enrolment of pupils is, for example, expected to increase across Canada by 120,000 a year. To provide the schools for these additional children will call for a country-wide outlay estimated at \$102,000,000 per annum for several years.

Criticism is sometimes levelled at boards of education for constructing types of schools which are too luxurious in their appointment. Now the emphasis is on good construction, with an aim to provide a cheerful interior environment that will help young people to derive the greatest benefit from their schooling. Dr. J. A. G. Easton, technical adviser of the Ontario Department of Education, touched on this phase of building when he stressed that boards of education have to take a long-range view and erect schools of sound materials to ensure that these structures will stand over the years. Any other policy might well result in a poorly constructed school not lasting longer than the life of the debentures issued to build it.

"Taxpayers are inclined to murmur when civic budgets are presented each year and it becomes known what heavy inroads boards of education make on the taxpayer's dollar," comments the Hamilton Spectator. "Yet every parent wants his children to receive an education, which is only natural and right. It might be that property owners are warranted in feeling that they have to bear too heavy a share of the costs of education, and that a more equitable distribution of that burden could be arranged. But it is difficult to see how boards of education can avoid building new schools so long as the demand for increased accommodation continues year after year."

Not A Local Problem

In Australia, as in this country, one of the big problems is the drift of young people from the land to the cities. Various proposals have been made on methods of checking this drift, but generally it appears to be recognized that more attention to country education in general, and to agricultural education in particular, would provide the best solution.

A great deal has been done in the way of agricultural education, writes Mr. James Mahoney, editor of The Farmer and Settler, Sydney, but the primary school system as yet does not devote sufficient attention to the subject. It is, of course, unwise that country children should be educated only in agriculture, as past history has shown that national leaders in many spheres come from the land. It would be bad policy to do anything that would discourage development of country children to take their places in other sections of the community.

However, for those who do intend to remain on the land, there is a great need to improve the educational system so that it will develop a greater love of the country and a greater knowledge of improved methods of farming.

"This is a problem," concludes Mr. Mahoney, "which I expect exists in other countries and I think that any exchange of views that you can arrange would be of universal benefit to agricultural countries throughout the world."

Beef Production

Canada's cattle at June 1, 1951, were estimated at nine and one third millions, about a million and a half lower than in 1945, notwithstanding the fact that beef prices have been reasonable to very attractive for a full decade. Cattle and calf marketings from Canadian farms and ranches in 1951 were 300,000 lower than in the previous year. Just over 15 per cent. of the cattle and calves marketed in 1951 went to the United States either on foot or as dressed beef. But while the exports of dressed beef did not decline, the actual number of cattle exported alive, was less than half of what it was in the previous year.

With some uncertainty surrounding the export markets for pork and bacon, says a western exchange, this would appear as an appropriate time to direct emphasis upon beef markets, at home and abroad. With less pressure on land resources in this

country, Canada is in a better position than the United States to expand its herds. Indeed, no country outside of South America is in so good a position as Canada to breed beef cattle in excess of domestic needs. A total population of 12 million head of beef and dairy cattle would seem to be a reasonable target. More animals on more farms would be an added cushion when wheat fails.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An official minimum potato price does not produce for the farmer more than the market will pay. Its effect, however, is to prevent sales at any lower figure and the grower may profit by a later improvement in market conditions, or lose should there be a contrary trend.

The proposal to establish an Illustration Station on Amherst Island in addition to the one on Grindstone is indicative of the growing importance of the Magdalens. Their situation in the centre of the Gulf no longer means that they are isolated but that they are centrally located.

Married replacements of the 27th Brigade in Germany will go overseas for 12 months but single men for two years. The result should be an improvement in the standard of efficiency without bringing any added strain on family relationships. There is apt, however, to be a boom in pier head marriages.

Our weather is not produced in Greenland as was once considered to be the case but bases at Thule and elsewhere are considered valuable in forecasting weather in other parts of the world according to a U.S. weatherman. It would seem instead that Canadian weather is largely governed by changing conditions in Siberia.

Although relationships are still strained between Pakistan and India, the boundary between East Pakistan and West Bengal (India) along a section of the river Ganges was finally agreed upon at a meeting of the plenipotentiaries of the Governments of India and Pakistan in New Delhi on August 21.

The self-governing colony of New Zealand became "The Dominion of New Zealand" this date 1907. By letters patent the designation of governor was altered to "Governor-General". The first plan for colonizing the islands was put before the British Government by Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Dalrymple but was only proceeded with after the loss of the American states.

What is probably the smallest Boy Scout Troop in England's smallest county is reported under the leadership of two former Canadian Scouts. One of the Canucks is a former King's Scout from Nelson, B.C. and now with the R.C.A.F. No. 1 Fighter Wing at North Luffenham, England, the other being an ex-Rover Scout from Montreal. It is a three-Scout troop.

In what way do American and Canadian newspapers excel over English publications? A team of 17 British journalists studying the press on this side of the Atlantic made some 62 recommendations for their own increased efficiency. Notable amongst the recommendations was that they should adopt the generally used "little merchant" newsboy system. Under it the boys learn the elements of running a business.

It is the aircraft industry which usually seems to enjoy a large share of the benefits of modern research. British Railways, however, are building a new 100 mph wind tunnel testing plant at Derby to provide data for the design of locomotives, rolling stock and railway structures. Subjects to be studied will include improved train ventilation, wind resistance in high-speed freight trains and cooling of diesel locomotives.

Economic and social obstacles to the independence of creative workers and their relations with the public, the state and international bodies are being discussed by delegates representing the visual arts, music, literature, the theatre and the cinema in forty countries, meeting at the first international conference of artists in Venice. The Conference, which is being convened by Unesco in cooperation with the Biennale, opened with an address by the Italian poet, Giuseppe Ungaretti, on "The artist in present-day society". Problems being discussed will be outlined by painters, Georges Rouault and Jacques Villon, composer Arthur Honegger, writer Taha Hussein, architect Lucio Costa, playwright Marc Connelly, producer Alessandro Blasetti, and sculptor Henry Moore. Committees representing different fields of art are discussing ways of overcoming major difficulties in professional, social or international spheres.

Our Answer To A Mainland Maiden's Prayer



There are over four thousand unmarried males than females on Prince Edward Island.

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.

M. C. A. GARNISHEE

Sir.—In the recent past the employees of this Company have been beset with large numbers of garnishees from the merchants of Charlottetown and their representatives. The issue has reached such proportions that I have considered it imperative to register a complaint against the various merchants via this column. The garnishee as a legal instrument of extracting payment from an employee should only be used as a last resort. It is not fair to use it without any consideration to the individual, his dependents, his salary, etc. Many of our employees who are at present garnishees are individuals who have obtained profitable employment for the first time in their lives. Many debts owed by these people are debts assumed long ago. It is rather unfair to the individual when he begins employment at a good living wage to be pounced upon by any number of merchants for debts long due. He should be given a chance to regain his balance.

In most Companies when a garnishee is placed on an employee he is immediately released. We have not followed this policy at present but it seems necessary when you consider the book work involved in checking off the employees' pay each month. The issue has reached such proportions that not long ago a reputable Charlottetown merchant phoned this office and asked for a list of all our employees to see whether or not there were any who perhaps owed him money and whom he could garnishee. At least two wives of employees have complained to me that they cannot exist with the deductions taken from their husbands' paychecks, which amount sometimes to 50%. I should think before these merchants give credit to their customers, they would investigate the customer's background and ability to pay. A person proclaiming that he works for M.C.A. should not offer sufficient excuse to obtain credit in large amounts from these merchants.

Maritime Central Airways employs the second largest number of men on Prince Edward Island. It is a progressive firm which treats its employees to many benefits. It also likes to protect its employees. Consequently, I should like to submit a plea to the various merchants of this city to give these employees a chance to redeem their debts in their own time and without making them suffer any setbacks, especially for the sake of their wives and children. As I said before, if ever a control feature is needed on the credit situation within these various firms it should be placed at the beginning, not at the end. A person goes to a merchant and asks for credit, sometimes over and above what he can normally pay. When the merchant is told that the person is employed by Maritime Central Airways, it seems to place him in a separate category. This should not be. In the future this office will take a very dim view of any garnishee that comes from any employee. He will be told that he must settle up himself within the specified period of time otherwise he will be released. I would ask the merchants of Charlottetown to remember this in the future and in a lot of cases to give the employee an even chance to redeem his debts.

The Age-Old Story

So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar... and the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying, Concerning this house which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father; and I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

I am, Sir, etc. W. F. GAUDET Personnel Maritime Central Airways Ltd. Charlottetown.

ABUSING FISHING PRIVILEGES Sir.—Now that the trout fishing season is over for this year, I think it would be an appropriate time to bring to the attention of the Fish and Game Association, those in authority and the general public, some of the abuses and certain conditions that could, and should be, in the future corrected.

I have a mill pond and stream near Coleman in which there is an abundance of trout, classed by many as one of the best fishing streams on the Island. The Government took it upon themselves to make this even a better stream by building a so-called waste gate for the purpose, no doubt, of making this an even better trout fishing grounds than it was before, for which I personally was grateful.

There is only one road from the main paved highway to the dam which runs through my yard where children play a great deal of the time during Summer vacation, and I have never objected to the use of this road to the general public as long as this right was not abused. (I am always pleased to see tourists and other fishermen from the Island use this road). But unfortunately, during the past season the abuses were many. The Fish and Game Association erected a sign near the head of the dam as you enter from my house which asks the fishermen to kindly call at my house for permission to fish but an individual took it upon himself to deliberately remove this sign and the manner in which it was removed was not that of a government employee who has the best interests of the fishermen at heart.

Many of the so-called fishermen did not have the courtesy to stop at my house and ask permission to fish, many of whom drove through the yard as if it were a racetrack, endangering the lives of my and all who might happen to be in their path. How accidents were avoided, I do not know. Others took it upon themselves to place the dam boards in order to raise the water in the pond, thereby lowering it in the fishing holes to make it easier for a large catch. When the fishermen got their catch, the boards were left as changed by them, as a result of which the water in the pond was raised to such an extent

FOR THE CHILDREN Sir.—Being a frequent reader of your fine paper and an admirer of the way you give space in it for all good works, it came to me that telling a simple story might help the Protestant Orphanage Drive. A few years ago we were at Plum Island in Massachusetts staying at a beach cottage. As we were strangers it was quite to my amazement that we saw a police patrol wagon parked at a near-by cottage. Hearing no disturbance it took me some time to find out what was going on. The nearby city of Newburyport had quite a fiery mayor besides, as everywhere, a large number of poor children. The mayor took these children in turns every day to the beach in the patrol wagon for an enjoyable day. It struck me as something very fine and the thought passed through my mind of how my grandmother, who was born here, sent me a clipping from your paper which said that a man should think, before spending on himself for luxuries just what he has done for anyone in need.

The Poet's Corner

THE LAST WORD Creep into thy narrow bed, Creep, and let no more be said! Vain thy onset! all stands fast. Thou thyself must break at last. Let the long contention cease! Geese are swans, and swans are geese. Let them have it how they will Thou art tired; best be still. They out-talked thee, hissed thee, tore thee? Better men fared thus before thee: Fired their ringing shot and passed, Hotly charged — and sank at last. Charge once more then, and be dumb! Let the victors, when they come, When the forts of folly fall, Find thy body by the wall! —Matthew Arnold.

Notes By The Way

The escape to never-never land always is made easy by the Chicago Tribune which comments on the recent Commonwealth Parliamentary Association meeting in Ottawa as "a conference of foreigners who have designs on the independence of the United States." —Ottawa Journal.

A snowstorm has hit the northern Nevada-California border and tied up traffic in the area of Donner Summit, that spot of grim memory where in 1846-47 was written one of the most tragic chapters in California's history when many members of the Donner party perished. It was an early October blizzard that spelled their doom in a High Sierra pass. —Hamilton Spectator.

By advertising in England and getting 500 inquiries from nurses in response, from which ten were selected, the Port Arthur General

lightful place would pause at some time here and think of their ancestors and then count their blessings it might induce them to take some small portion of what they spend on unimportant things and invest it in Jesus' work. Sure, James 1-27: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." Many thanks from a man whom God has been good to and may this twenty-five dollars bring some happiness to a little one.

I am, Sir, etc. AN ANONYMOUS YANKEE

(Yesterday just before 5 p.m. a gentleman called at The Guardian with the above letter and \$25.00 in cash. He was a jolly man with a twinkle in his eye and would have fitted the traditional conception of Santa in body as he certainly did in spirit, having given freely without solicitation and without thought of return. It is not customary for this paper to publish anonymous letters without having the writer's name in confidence; but in this case although we asked we did not insist. So the donor's anonymity is complete. It only remained for us to thank him most warmly on behalf of the Orphanage directors and children.—Ed. G.)

Hospital may have started a movement of big proportions. Other hospitals are likely to do the same thing, to the advantage of the country generally although there is no saying what British hospitals may think of the depletion. Also and considering certain qualifications known to be the possession of most nurses, the contracts holding them to the hospitals for a term should be particularly definite. —Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Britain's Crown Agents for the Colonies are seeking an animal physiologist to join the scientists and meteorologists now in the Antarctic, to study the hundreds of sledge dogs in use there. His task will be to discover how the husky should be fed to produce his best effort, and what size of dog makes the best member of a sledge team. —UK Information.

The Journal couldn't believe its ears when it heard reports from Toronto that the CBC planned to televise the Royal Commission inquiry into the Don Jail escape. It was with no surprise at all that we learned on checking CBC head office here that no such venture is to be carried out. There may be an interesting place for television in Canada and certainly television is here to stay. But Canadians will want no cheapening of our processes of law or government by the fantastic circuses of television which we have seen in the United States.—Ottawa Journal.

It's pleasant to find science occasionally taking time off from jet planes, atomic bombs and guided missiles, and giving a little attention to such an everyday problem as what the well-dressed man will wear. An interesting development along this line was discussed at the Canadian Textile Seminar, a conference of textile experts from many countries which met at Kingston last week. It is a new shirt fabric, developed in the United States. It is coated with a chemical which resists perspiration and "repels" dirt. With this material, it is claimed, a man could wear a shirt—even a white one—for five days before it needed laundering.—Edmonton Journal.

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