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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Please, Mr. Spectator

The increasing roughness and militancy on the part of spectators and players in hockey is not confined to the Maritimes; it is equally evident in Ontario and has called forth protests of leading citizens and newspapers there as here.

The modern hockey game is charged with excitement, occasioned by bodily contact and high speed. The tension on opposing players is always terrific. This, in itself, sometimes leads to unnecessary roughness. However, players can very well take care of themselves.

A referee's job is not a happy one, but such unauthorized participation by spectators makes it almost impossible. It takes a strong hand to keep frayed tempers in check. The hockey-going public, wherever a game is played, has an obligation and that is to refrain from unlicensed acts.

Man On The Spot

There was a time when an admiral could fight a sea battle or a general a land battle without being unduly hampered by detailed instructions from his distant superiors. He received orders to seek out the enemy and destroy him but was generally left to make his own estimate of the immediate situation and to make his own tactical decisions.

That day has passed. With modern communications it is possible and seemingly irresistible to conduct operations from the seat of government. What must be borne in mind is that the process requires a two-way flow of communication. To make military decisions at a distance without attending closely to the factors reported on from the front is truly to put the local commander on the spot.

General MacArthur's statements have met with more abuse than understanding but his call for reinforcements seems to have been simply ignored. He must be truly thankful to be no longer "on the mat."

The Australian Election

If it is any consolation, we are not the only part of the world in the throes of a political campaign. Australia is having a general election on April 28. The result, according to an exchange, will depend upon which the electors adjudge to be the more urgent matter—the suppression of the Communist party or effective measures to restore the purchasing power of the Australian pound.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, will insist that Communists are preventing (1) the restoration of peace in industry and consequently increased production, by common consent an indispensable contribution to a stabler economy and (2) adequate preparations for national defence. Labor will insist that the issue for the people is whether the Government has redeemed its promise in 1949 to "put value back into the pound."

At the double dissolution the state of parties was in the Senate: Labor party 34, Liberal and Country parties 26; and in the House of Representatives: Liberal and Country parties 74, Labor 47. The Australian Capital Territory seat was held by an Independent and the Northern Territory seat by Labor. Labor must thus win 15 seats in the House and lose none of those it now holds to bring its strength to 62 in a chamber of 121 members with full voting rights and so give it a majority of two.

Should the Government command even a moderate increase in public favor, at least seven Labor seats will be in danger. There are 15 seats Labor could win with an increase in its 1949 vote of from one to four per cent only.

In this election, however, party anxieties are centred even more upon the Senate than the House. A decisive majority in the House will be useless if there is a deadlock in the Senate, which is possible. To obtain six of ten Senate seats in any State under the proportional representation system now operative the victorious party must poll a little over 54 per cent of the aggregate vote.

If the Government can win six of the ten Senate seats in Queensland and five in each of the other five States, it will have a

majority of two and as the President of the Senate has no casting vote but only a deliberative vote, that will be barely workable. If the Government can command six of ten seats in each of two States it will have a majority of four, which would be much more comfortable.

The second State to which it looks for success is Tasmania, where Labor has been in office for 17 years and the State general election of May, 1950, showed it had lost a little ground.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Nomination Day—the field is made up today and it will be a hard dash to the finish line even without a muddy course.

The meter situation seems to be that the City is marking time before metering time.

Gibraltar was ceded to England this date 1713 by the Treaty of Utrecht, having been captured from Spain by Sir George Rooke on July 4, 1704.

It is too warm for skating or sledding; the water too cold for swimming; the ground too soft for baseball or golf; and most of us are too old for marbles.

The "preparedness budget" was if anything less burdensome than generally expected. Higher taxes are never welcome but a thousandfold to be preferred to unreadiness in time of danger.

Alberton is proclaiming the first week in May to be "Clean Up Week", an excellent move which, however, does not indicate agreement with the general view that everything is a month ahead this year.

One of the firm's directors announces that after getting its fingers burned building arms for two wars Krupps has learned its lesson and will stick to production for peace. If Krupps can learn there is yet hope for the world.

This date 1945 American troops and the free world were stunned by the sudden death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt—twenty-four days before Victory. On May 7 the High Command tendered their surrender to Eisenhower and it was accepted by the Allied powers the following day.

The remarkable job of scientific detection in connection with cheque signatures and a cheque writing machine here shows fine cooperation between city police and the R. C. M. P. The nation-wide facilities of the latter could hardly be duplicated by a local organization at any price, much less at anything like their modest cost to this Province.

Mr. Winston Churchill is slated to address the University of Pennsylvania on the 8th of next month, and will thereafter proceed to Washington to call upon President Truman. The President's reaction: "Of course I wouldn't think of having Mr. Churchill visit the United States without seeing him, anymore than I would think of visiting England without visiting Mr. Churchill."

What austerity means to the hereditary ruling class in England. The Earl of Nelson has sent to an auction a number of mementos of his ancestor Horatio Nelson, to raise money to pay succession duties. He announced he had been obliged to dispose of houses and other property because of the weight of death duties. In 1946 the government decided to discontinue the £5,000 annuity, granted to Nelson descendants "in perpetuity," on the death of the fifth earl. The fifth earl died Jan. 30.

They are all doing it—advertising in newspapers! The Ontario Law Society has retained the Kim Advertising Ltd., Toronto, to place in Ontario newspapers a series of advertisements aimed at acquainting the public (just as Trust Companies do) with the services members of the legal profession are qualified to undertake. The series is scheduled to run for one year. Consensus has it that appearance of this information programme will stimulate similar campaigns on behalf of medical, dental, engineering and chartered accountants' societies.

"Our 1952 model changes will be the most drastic in company history and cars will be new from bumper to bumper," says Benson Ford, vice-president in charge of Ford Motor Company's Lincoln-Mercury division. "Nobody has told us yet we can't go ahead." "General Motors Corporation is going ahead with planning for its 1952 models," says Charles Chayne, vice-president in charge of engineering for G.M. "As long as our tooling does not conflict with the defense programme there is no reason for suspending the work. Many tools and dies already have been finished for next year's models. Nothing would be saved by scrapping them."

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.

COLUMN APPRECIATED

Sir,—One of the best features in your publication since "Agricola" passed away is "Hunter's Corner", and he is "d—good."

"Tell him it was a mistake to domicile pheasants on the Island, and the quicker they can be eliminated the better for the partridge. His column is better than any similar one in sporting magazines."

Wishing your paper more of the same.

I am, Sir, etc. M. MacFARLANE, D.D.S. Boston, April 6, 1951

INQUIRY FROM AUSTRALIA

Sir,—Having been an enthusiastic reader of L.M. Montgomery's stories during my girlhood days, I became greatly attached to your little Island, vowing some day that I would visit it. However that is impossible, for the present, at least.

I would be grateful then if some one in the same position as myself would correspond with me. I am a young married woman, with three small children, two boys and a girl. I am very fond of reading, knitting, and writing letters. So I leave it up to some young housewife to decide, if she would be willing to write to me.

I am, Sir, etc. MARY McLEAN.

Mrs. W. McLean, No. 1 Laidlaw St., Ararat, Victoria, Australia.

POTATO PRICES

Sir,—Potato growers, who did not sell their spuds on advice then given in the late fall and early winter months, are about to benefit from their discretion, as against their contemporaries who did, in good faith, in order to relieve the congestion facing the industry at the time. Many of these potatoes were sold out—right as low as 24 cents a bushel, but the vendor was urged to hold his sales receipts, as he might be entitled to a bonus later in the season. It is in order now, that his sacrifice in a common cause at that time be remembered and his interests protected in any past season bonus that may be offered.

It appears from a series of announcements recently made, that those who kept their stock in storage for spring delivery are about to become fortunate on their gamble. They are apparently in for a good price. The starch factories are offering 22 cents a bushel. The Provincial Government is offering an additional 22 cents. The Potato Marketing Board is offering a further 22 cents per bushel (on starch factory receipts), and on top of that total of 66 cents per bushel the Federal Department is assuring a still further substantial bonus, the amount yet to be determined, and announced. Growers or officials of course do not know what it will be, or who will qualify to participate, but in view of the 65 million dollar generosity given to Western wheat growers, Island potato growers are justified in anticipating something better than a mere token payment. To summarize and arrive at a fair price, based on present promises, our 1950 potato crop should bring the grower from 80 to 85 cents per bushel and that will not be bad, taking everything into consideration.

I am Sir, etc. OPTIMIST. Charlottetown.

The Age-Old Story

I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever; nothing can be put to it, nor any taken from it; and God doeth it, then men should fear before Him. That which hath been is now, and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

MAIN INDUSTRY

Forest products account for 85 per cent of the total export trade of Finland.

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They're Angling Already



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

MAIL COACH PETITION

"Petitions, numerous signed, have, we understand, been presented to the Government from the inhabitants of the flourishing settlements of Somerset and Middleton, praying that semi-weekly communication may be established between Charlottetown and Summerside by way of Anderson's Road—their present mail facilities being, in the opinion of petitioners, 'behind the times, and not in accordance with the wants of the inhabitants.' It is proposed that a two-horse team, with a covered carriage for the accommodation of travellers, be at once placed on this route, and that said team 'continue on from Middleton, through Central and North Bedouque, to Summerside'."

—The Islander, March 5, 1869.

Trade Of Canada

(C. B. of Commerce)

Rising prices continue to cause grave concern, according to the current issue of The Canadian Bank of Commerce Monthly Commercial Letter. The steady advance of wholesale prices in Canada, particularly of raw and semi-manufactured goods, is being influenced increasingly by shortages. For many classes of goods, allocation schemes and the effect of official operations should be noted. While material prices may be controlled at the international level, there is still no relief in sight from the effects of rising raw material costs.

The Bank's index of industrial activity rose three points in February to 175 (1937 equals 100). It may be of interest to note that this index measures factors other than the unit or dollar volume of production. In the short run, therefore, its movements may not parallel that of the official index of industrial production.

For Canada a return to freer trade conditions is a national objective of major importance. Canada now stands third among the trading nations of the world. The United States and the United Kingdom rank first and second. These three countries make up the "Atlantic Triangle" which accounts for 40 per cent of the world's merchandise exports.

In the past, Canada's favourable balance of trade with the United Kingdom could be applied against the debit balance with the United States through the free convertibility of Sterling. The crushing burdens of World War II and the years following forced the United Kingdom, except for one short-lived period, to abandon this free convertibility.

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The Poet's Corner

PILGRIM

Grass is tougher than steel. The soil outwears the spade. The road outruns the wheel. The tank outlives the trade.

Here where I swing the scythe And call the hidden clover. Earth asks the season's tithe. And the threat of sumacs hover.

Earth's beauty I have found Twice beautiful for change. And my ear upon the ground Hears music old and strange.

Life's answers are the same. The question vary only. Man writes an ancient name But men are new and lonely.

What little I have learned Has added to my lack. For the road has always turned And never once led back. —A. M. Sullivan.

disruption in our foreign trade and of changes in the level of our gold and U.S. dollar reserves. Finally, at the end of September last year, the Canadian dollar was set free to find its own level.

In the recent past, Canada's trade pattern has altered. The volume of trade, both ways, with the United Kingdom and other countries in the Sterling group has diminished, while both imports from and exports to the United States have increased greatly.

This pattern of Canada's trade seems likely to continue — at least in the short run. Continuance of this trend, however, would present many difficulties. While the economies of Canada and the United States are more or less complementary, many of our exportable surpluses find no ready market in the United States. It seems, therefore, in Canada's interest to seek more diversified markets. But this can only be achieved by a freer world movement of goods and by a stimulation of the free flow of investment capital.

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Notes By The Way

Uncle Sam's economic stabilizer warns about undue complacency in the U. S. It's hard to imagine that with income tax returns just filed.—London Free Press.

Every day, a few more properties are vacated, and thus move from controlled rents to uncontrolled ones. These uncontrolled properties are the only ones available to new workers; thus, it has become axiomatic that new workers coming into Ontario must pay for higher rents than the workers already established, whose homes are under control. This is one of the factors that tend to discourage the migration we badly need.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

Montana's Blackfoot Indians are resentful of alleged encroachment on their domain by cattle and sheep ranchers, and they're on the warpath. The chairman of the Blackfoot tribal council recently told a reporter: "The Indian bureau is fooling some cattlemen and sheepmen by telling them that the Blackfoot council has consented to grazing permits when in fact the council has adopted several resolutions, all by unanimous vote, withholding consent." Shades of Custer and Sitting Bull! But who wouldn't agree that resolutions may be a better way of deciding it than the tomahawk, the arrow and the old flintlock.—Lehighbridge Herald.

"Baby Face" adults in Sudbury are going to be most embarrassed by city council's latest edict that anyone "presumed to be under 18 years" will not be allowed to play pinball machines. Council's amendment to an existing bylaw might not survive the first round if it was challenged in the courts on the question of establishing age limitations and the "presumption" of age. Will the police be permitted to haul young men to jail and through the courts on the presumption that their victims are under 18 years of age? Must young men carry their birth certificates with them at all times? Is the council acting within its jurisdiction in placing the onus on storekeepers to challenge the age of all pinball players? Why was the age limit set at 18 years? Why not 21 years—the age at

which the law says a man is no longer a minor? Where does the municipality draw its power to set the age limit? Can a municipality, by the same token, rule that persons under 33 years of age will not be permitted to play pinball machines? Or that all men over 21 years of age must wear blue ties?—Sudbury Star.

Damon Runyon taught us that American gangsters have weird and wonderful names. But once again nature has transcended art. Two men alleged to be among the biggest American racketeers are called Joe Adonis and Albert Anastasia. These are underworld names with a difference. Not even Humphrey Bogart could say with conviction: "I'll get you, Adonis!"—however apt a remark it might have been for the Goddess Venus. No serious minded policeman would set his jaw if he heard the message: "Calling Car 99. Pick up Anastasia." Even now somewhere the late Mr. "Pretty Boy" Floyd may be remarking to the late Mr. "Legs" Diamond (there was the real thing): "Where are the names of yesteryear?"—News Chronicle, London.

In his baby budget speech last September Mr. Abbott said, "I have proposed no increases in the personal income tax because I realize the cost of living has gone up about three and a half per cent during the past 12 months and there can be no absolute assurance that there may not be some further increase in prices. Moreover, I wish to avoid in any way discouraging production, efficiency and output." Canadians will be interested to see if Mr. Abbott still holds this philosophy in the coming budget. During the 12 months preceding the baby budget, the cost of living index had risen 7.5 points. During the six months that have passed since the baby budget, the cost of living has advanced 6.4 points. In other words, the rate of increase has just about doubled and shows no sign of slackening.—Winnipeg Tribune.

HISTORIC COLONY

Louisiana became a French colony under Louis XV in 1731 and was sold by Napoleon to the United States in 1801.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

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