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CIRCULATION

"Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew"

"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Textbook Rental Scheme

The cost of school and college textbooks, and the frequency with which expensive textbooks are changed, has been a frequent cause of complaint among parents.

Briefly, their policy consists in supplying textbooks to students on a purely rental basis. The life of a school textbook is considered to be three years, so students will pay one-third of the costs of the books this year.

This policy, it is conceded, will entail a great deal of work on the part of the divisional office staff and on the teachers of the various rooms and schools.

Wealth In Water

Agriculture Minister Thomas Kennedy of Ontario has announced that he is planning a Province-wide program to create farmland ponds. This policy gives practical recognition at the grass-root level to the long-ignored fact that there is wealth in water.

Even where wells have offered fairly steady water supplies, soil devitalization has been extending through formerly rich areas. The regular loss of surface water has been accelerated by the increasing use of chemical fertilizers in compensation for the smaller amounts of barnyard manure.

The Senate Report

One of the most important documents of the year is the report of the Senate Finance Committee, which is available from the King's Printer at Ottawa and which deserves to be read and pondered by every taxpayer.

Travel and moving expenses, for example, amounted to \$46,000,000. Of this total \$14,000,000 was spent on civilian expense and the balance on expenses connected with defense and defense production.

item concluded that it could be "sharply reduced without injury to the public interest."

The Federal Government is spending \$18 millions on office stationery this year. Again, there could be large savings "without hurt to efficient administration."

Unwarranted increases are occurring (1) in the outlay for materials and supplies (\$4 millions); in the construction and purchase of buildings (\$9 millions); in repairs and upkeep of buildings and works (\$1,400,000); and in the rental of office space (\$750,000).

In addition there is a major indictment. In the building, buying, repair or rental of buildings or works, the Government is spending this year \$163.7 millions. Not only is this amount much too high, but the Committee notes that only \$80 million of it is being spent through the Public Works Department.

As the Free Press points out, the majority of the Senate Finance Committee is overwhelmingly Liberal and therefore no political significance, in the Party sense, attaches to their report. It is headed by Hon. T. A. Crerar, and consists of some 38 members, including both Party leaders in the Upper House.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Beginning early this month, Maritime oyster producers annually ship about 7,000,000 pounds of oysters to markets in central and western Canada.

The Russians now claim to have originated baseball. At least, they complain that it is nothing but a Yankee perversion of their ancient and noble village sport of "lapta", which has degenerated, in American hands, into "a beastly battle, a bloody fight with mayhem and murder."

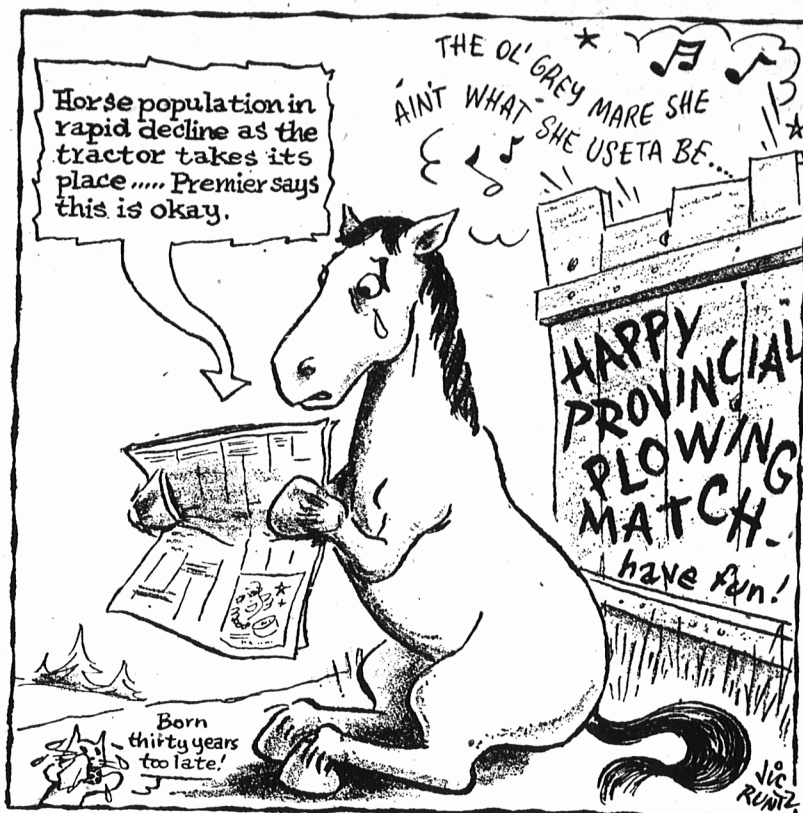
Sir Alan Patrick Herbert, English poet and politician, was born this date 1890. Most of his verse appears in Punch. His novels include "The Water Gypsies" and "Trials of Topsy".

The delegation at Ottawa representing Maritime ports seems to have a good case in complaining of the disparity in port charges as between harbours in the Maritimes and those of the United States Atlantic seaboard.

The Provincial Plowing Match gets under way today at Dundas, and the two-day programme combines an unusual number of features which should make a very wide appeal to all sections of the public.

A year ago, the Bank of Nova Scotia Review was devoted to a study of the first decade of the Bank's history, designed to illustrate the problems involved in establishing a bank in Canada over one hundred years ago.

Gone Are The Days



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.

RECORD WHEAT CROP

Sir.—In your "Notes By The Way" I see this cereal reference: "Not long ago a record wheat crop was forecast for Canada. Now it appears that several other countries will also have crops well above average, and for the world the prospects for a record harvest are good."

Old Charlottetown

"A gentleman from Murray Harbour, whose reliability is beyond doubt, gives some particulars of the rescue of a party which recently left the icebound 'Northern Light'."

The Age-Old Story

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon.

MORE INFORMATION WANTED

Sir.—In Saturday's Guardian I read with great interest where Mr. Charles Yeo, President of the Federation of Agriculture, reported to the press that the Federation is intending to hold a mass meeting in the interest of the producers, to try and iron out some of the problems which seem to be affecting the Potato Marketing Board.

Before I ask any more questions I wish to make a statement about one of my neighbors. This neighbor of mine has been raising young pigs for quite some years and it is only in the last two weeks that six of his brood sows gave birth to their young out in the orchard and he never even tried to save a little one; and he summed it up this way: "If I feed the little ones up to around 30 lbs. I will not be making a cent on them, only getting back my cost when I sell, and if I feed them until marketing age, the price I will get as pork will not pay my feed bill."

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HEROIC RESCUE "A gentleman from Murray Harbour, whose reliability is beyond doubt, gives some particulars of the rescue of a party which recently left the icebound 'Northern Light'."

FROM THE FORESTS

Then there came a change of scene. Groves of beech and maple green. Streams that murmured through the glade. Little flowers that loved the shade. Lovely birds of gorgeous dye. Flitted 'mong the branches high. Colored like the setting sun. But were songless every one; No one like the linnnet gray; In our home so far away; No one singing like the thrush. To his mate within the bush; No one like the gentle lark; Singing between light and dark; Soaring from the dewy sod. Like a herald up to God. Some had lovely amber wings Round their necks were golden rings; Some were purple, others blue. All were lovely, strange and new. But although surpassing fair. Still the song was wanting there.

South African Crisis

All that can be said about South Africa at the moment is that something is blowing up that will leave the last state of the Union worse than the first. It may be a General Election; if so a bitter campaign, leaving the losers angry and resentful, can be counted on. It may be increasing resistance to the apartheid laws, met by increasingly vigorous repressive measures by the Government; so far well over 3,000 arrests have been made, and active resistance has made its first appearance in Natal, where provincial opinion as a whole is anti-Malan.

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The High Cost Of Criminals

How—or if—the \$26,000 in reward money offered for Edwin Boyd and his gang, dead or alive, will be distributed hasn't been announced. But at \$6,500 a head, the sum is an easy record in Canadian rewards.

The City of Ottawa occasionally offers a reward. There was an outstanding case about a year ago when the City put up \$1,000 for a hit-and-run driver who gravely injured a boy on the Laurier Avenue bridge. He probably came from out of town; nothing came of the reward.

Canadian rewards, whether for political or for other offenders, have always been conservative compared to those offered elsewhere. The British Government put \$30,000 on the head of Bonnie Prince Charlie after the failure of the rising of 1745. It was never earned.

NEW DELHI—(CP)—The Government of India decided to withdraw all controls on newspaper newsprint now is available in India in sufficient quantities at reasonable prices.

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