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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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The New Year

With half a million Chinese and Korean Communists massed along the 38th parallel for an offensive that may fall at any day, the year 1951 will open ominously enough for the freedom-loving peoples of the world.

We have come but to the half-way milestone of a century which seemed to promise a new era of machine-age prosperity; and twice already it has been convulsed by wars such as man had never known before.

Canada remains perhaps the brightest spot in the troubled world today. We still enjoy freedom of worship and ordered self-government, with an abundance of the luxuries as well as the necessities of life.

There is a famous poem by Oliver Wendell Holmes, emphasizing the lesson taught by the patient, toiling nautic, ever passing on to a better environment of its own making, and ending in this inspiring homily:

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul, As the swift seasons roll! Leave thy low-vaulted past!

There could be no more appropriate New Year's thought than this. Every life should be a constant endeavour to build beyond the present.

This is just a poetical way of saying that there is no resting place here, no ivory towers into which we can climb and watch life go by in ease and security.

Come what may, we take pleasure in extending to all our readers, young and old, our very best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

P. E. I. Farm Income Higher

Figures just released by the Bureau of Statistics for the first nine months of 1950 show that while there has been a drop of \$300,000,000 in the total cash income received by Canada's farming population, Prince Edward Island registered an increase for the same period, from \$14,385,000 in 1949 to \$14,770,000 this year.

The Prince Edward Island figures would seem to indicate that despite the serious slump in the potato market, our farmers have cashed in successfully this year on their superior quality products in other directions.

The overall drop in farm income across Canada—from \$1,799,000,000 in 1949 to \$1,467,000,000 this year—was due chiefly to the unseasonal autumn frost which hit the bumper wheat crop in the West, re-

ducing a big part of it to low-priced un-millable grades. Income from wheat was down 28 per cent from last year's \$328,200,000. Cash income from the sale of coarse grains also was below that of a year ago, due partially to the weather and deliveries.

Pax Romanum?

Asian members of the U. N. have urged that the United States heed Red China's demands that the U. S. withdraw its troops from Korea, withdraw the Seventh Fleet from Formosa and stop its opposition to the seating of the Communist Chinese regime in the U. N.

The proposals are not new but they are based on the false assumption that the United States is intervening in Korea individually whereas she is actually fulfilling her commitments to the United Nations and, as Trygve Lie has declared, the U. N. must not give up in Korea even though this determined stand risks involvement in a war with Communist China.

A single surrender certainly would not bring peace. It would, rather, make an early war certain when further United States interests were threatened and when the U. N. had ceased to command any respect or support.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Jesuit Society founded this date 1534.

Commencing Tuesday the price of The Guardian, in line with other newspapers, will be five cents, necessitated by the advance in the price of newsprint, etc.

Freight rates have been a major subject of discussion all during 1950 but will certainly come in for their full quota of consideration in 1951 as well.

This year has not been outstandingly successful so far as immigration is concerned. The record, nevertheless, has served to stimulate official circles to take active steps to encourage much-needed immigrants to come to this country.

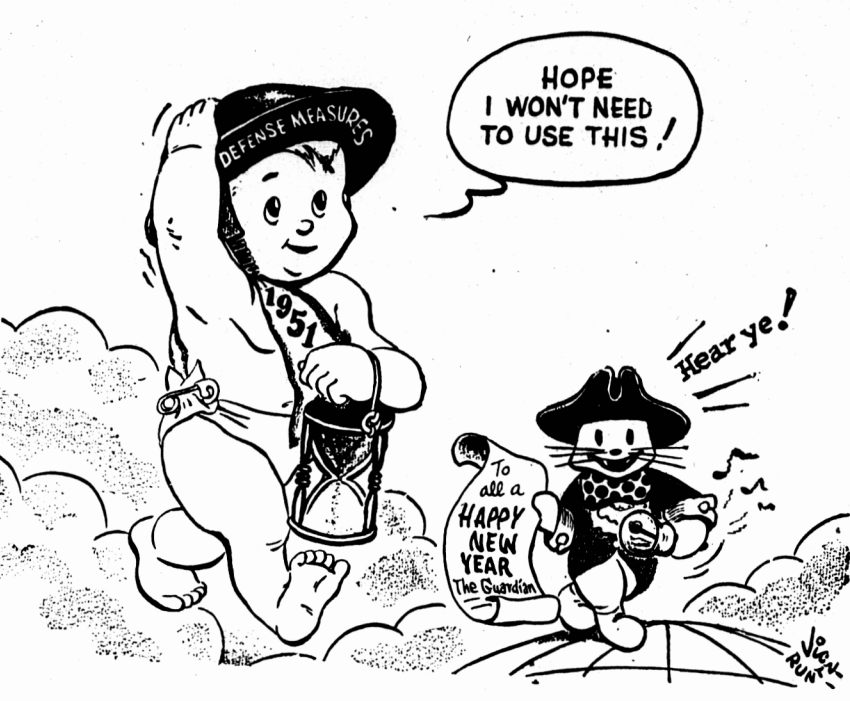
In this issue appears the annual review of harness horse racing from the pen of Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D.S.O., who regularly enlivens our Saturday edition by his popular Down The Back Stretch contribution.

The Regulations Act comes into force on Monday. In addition to providing for the regular publication of Federal statutory regulations, it is proposed that all draft regulations be first submitted to the Clerk of the Privy Council to assure a proper standard of draftsmanship.

Rudyard Kipling, English poet and novelist, born in Bombay this date 1865. Educated at the United Service College, Westward Ho, England, he made use of his experiences there in his "Stalky and Co.", a tale of schoolboy life.

Eight years ago, in January 1942, the whole fighting strength of the Canadian Army Overseas was concentrated in Sussex, England. Here the Canadians found themselves responsible for some 80 miles of English coast, from east of Hastings to the Hampshire border, and including the valuable port of Newhaven and the populous borough of Brighton.

Godspeed, Little Man!



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.

LONG HOLD-UP

Sir.—This is the time of the year I like to use the trains. However, the way things are done, at times, on the P. E. I. Division of the C.N.R. is annoying—if not more.

TRAVELLER

The old, old year Slips out of sound, rolls into silence. And is gone.

AT THE YEAR'S PASSING

The old, old year Slips out of sound, rolls into silence. And is gone. The past folds over it, The ripples close.

The Age-Old Story

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead; and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

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Agricultural Review

(Canadian Bank of Commerce) Canadian agriculture faces a major problem today in adjustment to changing market conditions says the current issue of The Canadian Bank of Commerce Monthly Commercial Letter.

Old Charlottetown

(And F. E. L.) WEATHER DIARY The following weather diary for the year 1831 is republished from an old issue of Haszard's Gazette:

Jan. 1: Ploughing—soft weather a dull day. Jan. 13 and 14: Freezing very hard. Jan. 15: The ice on the Hillsborough was crossed by foot passengers.

formed a substantial part of the increase, and apple shipments to that country now exceed those to the United Kingdom.

The expansion of other markets was a second alternative. But for this to be effective, prices of Canadian agricultural products must be kept at competitive levels.

Notes By The Way

One of the most ingenious methods on record for keeping the restless dollar from straying too far too fast is reported from Pei-ersburg, Ind. A stranger drove up to a filling station, asked for and got \$1 worth of gas, handed the operator \$2 and asked for two 50c pieces in change.

Suspension Of Marshall Aid

LONDON by Cable, December 13.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell read in the Commons the following statement by the U. S. A. and the U. K. Governments:

After discussions between the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. William L. Batt, the Minister in charge of the European Co-operation Administration Mission to the U. S. A. and the U. K. have agreed to the suspension of Marshall Aid to the U. K. from the 1st of January 1951.

Secondly, the defence program of the U. S. A. which includes the mutual defence aid program, will now impose new and heavier demands upon her economy.

The total of all forms of aid to the U. K. for the six months, ended December 31st, 1950, will remain at \$175,000,000 of which \$150,000,000 represents conditional aid matching equal sterling grants made by the U. K. to the other countries in the Organization for European Economic Co-operation through the European Payments Union.

Government aid has been extended to agriculture through a price-support program and through measures to facilitate the marketing of Canadian farm produce.

operation Agreement between the Governments of the U. K. and the U. S. A. will remain in force for the time being.

"The two Governments are not yet in a position to assess the ultimate economic impact of their mutual defence efforts, and the suspension of E.R.P. allotments to the U.K. will in no way affect the arrangements now being worked out in N.A.T.O. for the assessment and distribution of the burden of the defence programs of its members.

"The suspension of aid under E.R.P. does not mean that the recovery of the British economy is complete or that the financial resources of the sterling area are adequate. Both Governments recognize that part of the improvement in the position of the sterling area is due to external factors which may well be temporary.

"The U.S.A. Government is especially pleased to see so prominent an example of the success of E.R.P. at this early date.

"We are not an emotional people and we are not always very articulate. But these characteristics should not be allowed to hide the very real and profound sense of gratitude we feel towards the American people, not only for the material help they have given us but also for the spirit of understanding and friendship in which it has been given."

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