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Potato Board Endorsed

Last night's public meeting of potato growers was a remarkable demonstration of the solidarity of Island farmers in support of the Potato Marketing Board. Prince of Wales College auditorium was packed and the crowd extended to the corridors and stairways. Even at that there were those who had to remain outside the building.

The farmers' interest in the Board's activities is unmistakable. Unmistakable also is their support of the Board policies. From the questions that were asked from the floor it is clear that a system of licenses is not popular, but at the same time the farmers showed their recognition that it is at present the only system by which they can finance a potato marketing scheme.

Both the farmers present and the manager of the P. E. I. Marketing Board obviously would have preferred to have the supervision of the industry financed by a levy which could be collected through the dealers. The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, however, ruled that out. Perhaps the necessity of collecting in a less painless way is not wholly a disadvantage. Knowing that they must collect directly from the farmer as well as others interested in the industry, the Board will be more sensitive to criticism from the growers and will quite probably do a better job than if it could go its way more or less unconcerned about its popularity.

Educational Squeeze

From whatever angle one looks at the Charlottetown school situation the picture is one of inadequacy. The record of less than one-quarter of the students completing the equivalent of junior matriculation is certainly not one that the city can be proud of. Premier Jones is reported as saying that "When you finish high school you should be ready to go to work, and in this Province that means farming or fishing." Three out of four city pupils, however, do not finish high school.

At the other end of the system, or rather at the beginning, the picture is even worse. Through what the Charlottetown superintendent of education very moderately called "mistaken economy", the city has a proper capacity for 1,700 pupils, an actual enrollment of 2,400 and the certain prospect of increasing numbers for at least the next eight years.

The action which must be taken to meet the situation can be no minor adjustment. At the present time children are being accommodated in classrooms which certainly were never intended for the purpose. We now face the task of catching up with the past thirty years' increase in population and at the same time have the responsibility for preparing for the future increase which is certainly going to take place.

Building a high school would relieve the situation. The great objection, however, is that it would cost more than equivalent grade school accommodation. On the credit side is the fact that with a high school it would be possible to eliminate one year of the time needed to attain university matriculation.

Strong Representation

Canada's delegation to the seventh session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, opening in New York on October 14, will be a strong one. It will be headed as usual by Hon. L. B. Pearson, the Minister for External Affairs. The vice-chairman will be Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare. Mr. Martin has made the study of international affairs one of the continuous interests of his public career and he is a veteran of Assembly debates. Since Mr. Pearson will likely be president of the Assembly for this session, a large share of the burden of leadership for the delegation will be carried by Mr. Martin.

But perhaps the most notable appointment, for many reasons, says the Winnipeg Free Press, is that of Mr. Edgar McInnis, (a native of Charlottetown), president of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, as one of the alternate delegates. He would be a valued member on any country's delegation for his range of knowledge and experience.

ity. His appointment, however, is more than a recognition of personal merit; it also is a tribute to the Institute, well deserved by years of creative work.

Any review of the forces that have moulded Canada's present foreign policy must assign a prominent place, if it is familiar with the record, to the influence of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. The Institute has never believed in large memberships or in public displays. Its traditions of research and scholarship have compelled it to work with small groups. Yet in each community its men and women members have exercised an influence upon public opinion quite unrelated to their limited number. On any fair assessment this influence must be accounted a notable public service.

Mr. McInnis, who of course embodies so many of the Institute's traditions, is not the only Institute member on the Canadian delegation to the United Nations. Almost every one of the ten delegates has, at one time or other, been active in the Institute.

Ancient Law Codes

The history of written laws has been rolled back another century to 2500 B. C. through the translation of a clay tablet excavated fifty years ago in the ruins of the ancient Sumerian city of Nippur by an American expedition to southern Mesopotamia.

Written in cuneiform script the laws on the tablet antedate the celebrated "eye-for-an-eye-and-tooth-for-a-tooth" dictate of Hammurabi by about 300 years. They were promulgated by King Ur-Nammu, who reigned some 4,000 years ago over the land of Sumer and the City of Ur, in what is now southern Iraq.

The discovery, announced by the University of Pennsylvania, was made by Dr. Kramer, curator of the tablet collections of the university museum and Clark Research Professor of Assyriology in the university's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Three of the regulations of Ur-Nammu, founder of the third dynasty of Ur, deal with forms of mayhem, making these crimes punishable by cash fines in contrast to the "eye-for-an-eye" penalties that survived in the Biblical code.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The opening of the duck season this morning marks the beginning of the hunting season generally. Ducks, seem to be the favourite game bird of local hunters while visitors tend to prefer going after pheasant.

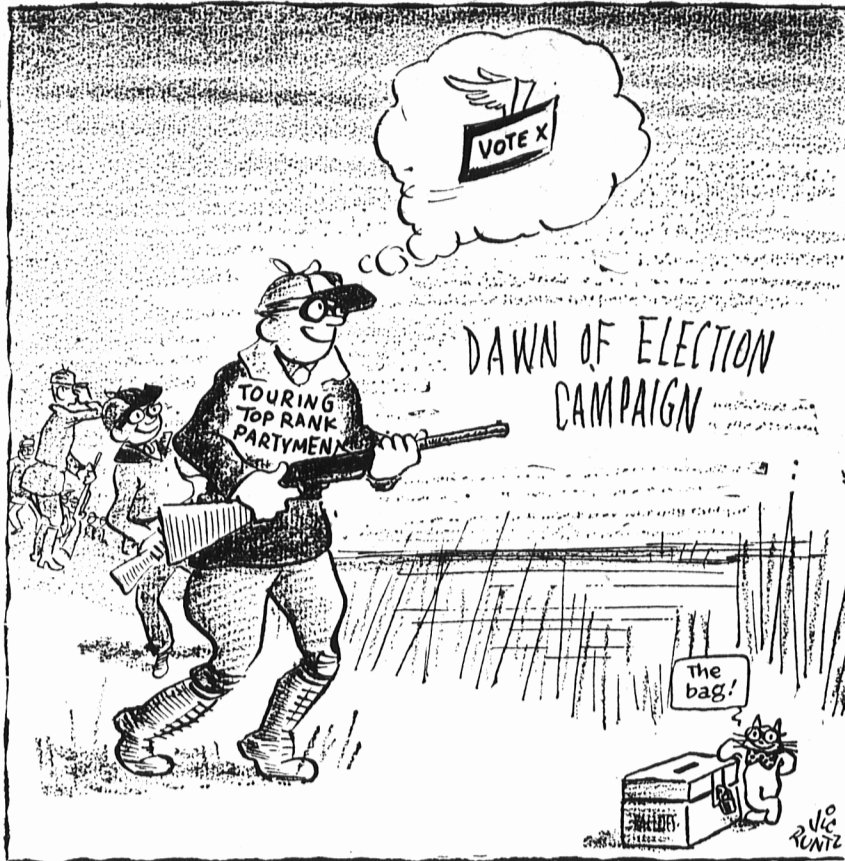
Mrs. Annie Besant, English theosophist, was born this date 1847. She co-edited the "National Reformer" and took a prominent part in the free thought and radical movement. She proclaimed a "new Messiah" and worked for Indian home rule.

Markings for dangerous substances proposed by the International Labour Office are: an exploding grenade for explosive substances, a lighted match for inflammable substances, a skull for toxic substances, a corroded hand for corrosive substances, and a skull and crossbones against a "radioactive" substance. The skull and crossbones is already familiar, however, as a symbol for toxic substances. Perhaps the well-known mushroom shape of the A-bomb cloud would do for making radioactive materials.

Britain's Arts Council is offering two prizes, each of £225 (about \$600), for original English verse by Commonwealth poets. The prizes are for a first book of original verse by a living poet, who must be a citizen of the British Commonwealth, published during the period January 1951-June 1953, and a book (not the poet's first) of original English verse published during the same period. Verse translations, verse plays, collected or selected poems previously published, are not eligible.

Designed for small airfields which cannot afford expensive equipment is a new one-man radar aid for landing aircraft under adverse conditions of visibility. The new device is so compact that it can be easily installed in a trailer and towed to any part of the airfield where it can be quickly set up for operation. In use, a pilot wishing to land radios the airfield for instructions. His signals are received on a direction-finding receiver. Approach instructions are then transmitted to the pilot, enabling him to bring the aircraft within about 15 miles of the airfield, when a pencil-shaped radar beam is projected on to the airfield giving the operator of the equipment a precise indication of its position. The radar beam is then kept trained on the aircraft, and instructions radioed to the pilot enable him to come in, on the correct course under the supervision of the operator, who follows the progress of the air-cathode-ray tube.

Duck Hunting



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.

SOUTH SHORE FESTIVAL

Sir—We have received so many inquiries about our plan to hold preliminary competitions as part of the South Shore Musical Festival, to be held on November 14th and 15th, in Summerside High School, that we feel we should make public the procedure we propose to follow, and we know of no better channel through which to inform all those interested than that afforded by your column.

We are attempting to conduct our Festival this year as festivals have been carried on in England and Wales for many years, and as the Welsh in the United States conduct them. Where there are more than six entries, in any of the classes for individual competitors, the adjudicator will hear that class, at a designated time previous to the final competition, in some room other than the main auditorium, and only the six, of each class, who attain the highest marks will be called to the stage for the final competition. At a Welsh Festival, you may often hear a contestant say complacently, "Well, I didn't win, but I made the stage." Making the stage was something to be proud about in a large competition, where there might be eighty competitors in a class, and only three called to the stage.

We plan to work out the details as follows: Individual competitors for Friday evening's program...

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

NEWS OF YESTERDAY

From the files of the Daily Examiner for the first week of June, 1952:

- 1: "The first number of The Prince Edward Island Agriculturalist, issued fortnightly in connection with the Summerside Journal, appeared yesterday. The examination in connection with teachers' licenses will end tomorrow. Complaints are made that the papers are too hard, and that they are too numerous."
2: "We understand that all the lawyers in Charlottetown have decided to close their offices every Saturday at one o'clock, during the months of June, July and August. —Mr. Theo Chappelle has been appointed agent for the sale of the celebrated spectacles of Mr. B. Laurence, optician. Among those who have secured these magnificent glasses are His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, ex-Mrs. Owen Dawson, Owen Connolly, Esq., and David Sterling, Esq."
3: "The Phoenix Cricket Club had a long practice game on Saturday evening at Victoria Park. By diligent practice they expect to put a good team in the field to meet the Wanderers of Halifax."
4: "The respectable looking female who has on more than one occasion stolen the centre plant from the flower beds in front of the residence of Mr. J. W. Mitchell, Euston Street, is known. She would call at the door and ask for a plant, her request would be granted, and she would, therefore, be relieved from committing a petty theft, and Mrs. M. from the trouble of planting and re-planting her geraniums."
5: "Flags are floating over the Railway Depot today in honor of the marriage of Conductor MacDonald to Miss Logan, daughter of David Logan, Esq., of Georgetown. The happy couple arrived in the city by train today."
6: "The old steamer 'Heather Belle', which for so many years did service between Charlottetown, Mount Stewart, Orwell and Cranford, is now being taken to pieces, and soon no vestige of her will remain."

The Age-Old Story

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The Kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

Programme will be asked to appear at a preliminary competition Friday afternoon; competitors for Saturday afternoon's programme will have preliminary hearings in assigned rooms in the high school, while the younger children hold their session in the auditorium; the session in the evening programme will be held in these rooms while the main afternoon session is meeting in the auditorium. Immediately after registration closes, competitors will be informed as to where and when the preliminary sessions will be held. Parents and friends may attend the preliminaries as well as the main sessions of the Festival.

The audience will find the programme of the main sessions more interesting this year; since there will be less repetition of selections, but the change has been made, in large part, to allow us to handle the ever increasing number of entries. Therefore, though it necessitates procuring five adjudicators instead of three, and more "spade work", we feel that it will repay all the additional effort.

I am, Sir, etc. HOPE JONES, S.S.M.F. Publicity Committee Tryon, P. E. I.

PIONEER POTATO COMPANY

Sir—The recent gesture made by the P. E. I. Potato Growers Association in forwarding cheques covering the interest on loans made by Association members during the time the Association was in financial difficulties is certainly deserving of more than passing comment.

The Potato Growers Association, as many know was formed back in 1920 to promote and develop the growing and selling of Prince Edward Island seed potatoes. The success that attended this venture is too well known by anyone to take space to elaborate on it here.

About 1934 the Association got into some difficulties and it appeared for a time as though this great organization had reached the end of the road. However, many of the faithful members rallied to the rescue, contributing some \$17,000 and although this sum was not nearly sufficient to meet all the obligations and other sources came to the rescue, nevertheless this fine contribution was started and the Association weathered the storm. This was done by a change of policy that was able, in a reasonably short time, to pay off all outside obligations and in 1945 the Association returned the money that had been loaned by the members. It was stated at that time that the Association hoped at some future time to pay the members interest on the money they had loaned.

Now some seven years later the Association has paid its members in full for the use of that money. The P. E. I. Potato Growers Association has fostered and reared the seed potato industry of this Province. Producers throughout the Province should weigh that fact well. Others rushed in to share the bountiful feast once it was prepared but they were not so eager to share the disappointments and difficulties that were so abundant during the long years of preparation. Mr. Bell, the present manager, is an able and competent official. He is quite capable of placing the Association once again in the commanding position of the potato industry of this Province. Producers should remember that this is their company; their

The Poet's Corner

SEAWEED Ever drifting, drifting, drifting On the shifting Currents of the restless main; Till in sheltered coves, and reaches Of sandy beaches, All have found repose again. So when storms of wild emotion Strike the ocean, Of the poet's soul, ere long From each cave and rocky fastness In its vastness, Floats some fragment of a song.

—H. W. Longfellow. whole seed industry is the product of its pioneering. They need the Association in 1952 and later. In all fairness to themselves they should support it.

I am, Sir, etc. AN OLDTIME MEMBER King's County, P.E.I.

SABOTAGE

Sir—This word comes from the French sabot, a wooden shoe, always handy, for throwing into industrial machinery as an expression of a grudge against the owners. The general idea conveyed by the word, used so very often today, is the expression of spite against some person or group, resulting in damage to property.

Various motives prompt sabotage, and often the motives are hidden and unclear. Recently I was in conversation with a lady, head of the laundry department at the Halifax School for the Blind who told me of strange freaks of sabotage some of these stone-blind children take in despoiling the school property. For example, the smashing of the toilet bowls, stopping up the flush with stones and broken glass bottles. This school is one of the most benign of all our institutions. What could be the motive of such destruction? Is it so that some people delight in destroying property for no known reason? What a thrill some boys seem to get from breaking windows in vacant houses, for no known reason, except the joy of destroying property. Perhaps, Sigmund Freud would tell us that some subconscious grudge was hidden down in the mind of those young saboteurs, or was it just the innate cunningness of human nature?

Anyhow, sabotage can take strange turns with serious consequences. Beginning with the 8th century, a religious sect known as the Iconoclasts set out to destroy all the images in the Eastern Church. It caused riots and great disorder in the church and was one of the reasons which led to the separation between the Eastern and Western Churches in the interesting year of 1054. It is interesting that the Cross which was swept away is now coming back into many Protestant Churches.

But the sabotage which makes us all tremble is what modern war does. Some who may read this letter have looked upon scenes of destruction in Europe that made them sick. The Archbishop of York when he came out and looked upon the destruction of his church cried like a child. And what has happened is nothing to what may happen. From the pinnacle of the Empire State Building I have looked out over New York City. O death and destruction! If one of the bombs a hundred times more powerful than the one dropped on Hiroshima were dropped down on Radio City, the heart of New York, by that time the world would be going up in flames. If we can judge from the continued preparations being made, Russia seems bent on war; and the Western powers are forced to try to keep pace with Russian preparations, which it is hoped may scare Russia into keeping the peace. God is in control; and He wants to put a stop to this killing business but He is waiting for His

Britain's Agricultural Research Activities (UNESCO)

World food production is not keeping up with the growth in population. During the last few years, the world's population has increased by 12 to 14 per cent. while food production, as the Food and Agricultural Organization points out, has increased by only 7 or 8 per cent. Since 1941, the all-Britain increase in population in North America has been 2.3 million, and in Europe, 5.3 million. In these continents, the high proportion of daily food consumed in the form of animal products creates very heavy demands on livestock and poultry farming resources.

Today, researches which may have an important bearing on easing the problem, are being carried out by Britain's Agricultural Research Council. They are concerned with what is known as the "boom-food" effect produced when the antibiotic drug, aureomycin, is fed to animals such as pigs and chickens. This is not the original British discovery, but is based upon work already done in the U. S. A.

Two antibiotic drugs, terramycin and aureomycin have remarkable growth-stimulating effects on animals. The animals do not become monsters, but reach their final adult size at an earlier date. For example, it normally takes about three months to produce a 3-lb fowl for "boiling". When aureomycin is added to a chick's food, it reaches the same stage in about nine weeks. Exactly how the antibiotics work to produce this effect is still being studied. It is believed that they act by suppressing the bacteria that infect the chicks. Research is now aimed at confirming this, and at finding out the nature of these bacteria that hold up the growth of farm animals not fed with antibiotics.

For some years, animal nutritionists have known that single-stomach animals, poultry and swine, need some animal protein in their food, whereas the multi-stomach animals, cattle and other ruminants, can be fed successfully on an all-vegetable diet. The scientists decided that there was an unknown element in animal protein, which they called the Anti-pernicious Factor, or APF. The multi-stomach animals, they concluded, could manufacture their own supplies of APF, while poultry or swine were incapable of doing so.

About 10 years ago, some chemists discovered that a factor in dried cow manure could replace APF in the diet of chicks. But what this nutrient was remained unknown until the vitamin B 12 — the anti-pernicious anaemia factor — was discovered a few years ago. One microgram of B 12 a day was found to relieve pernicious anaemia. Scientists knew that liver, from which B 12 was derived, is rich in APF, and therefore concluded that this new vitamin was the active nutrient they were looking for.

The problem was how to make vast quantities of B 12 for commercial use. Researches showed that the soil mould from which the people to repent of their worship of this world and turn back to Him who, we can be sure, is waiting to be gracious. Who can doubt if the Church, as a whole, turned to God in faith and prayer real peace would result? I am, Sir, etc. W. I. GREEN, Stanley Bridge.

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