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Campaign In The East

The visit of Mr. M. J. Coldwell, CCF leader, to Summerside is really the first campaign visit of a party leader to this Province for the Prime Minister's visit was more or less of a non-partisan interlude in the course of his political tour.

More important, Mr. Drew is campaigning for freight rates which will encourage the use of Canadian ports and the development of every part of this country; for better housing; contributory health insurance; revision of the tax structure; Senate reform and greater control of legislation by Parliament; development of resources and decentralization of industry; and many other points, including a continuation of Canada's acceptance of responsibility in world affairs.

Where Prime Minister St. Laurent points to the record of the Liberal Government and says that the electors may judge from that what they may expect for the future, Mr. Drew must go into considerable detail as to the policies and intentions of the Progressive Conservative Party. His task in opposition was chiefly that of pointing out the shortcomings of the Government but now that the issues are in the hands of the voters he must make clear what is being offered as an alternative.

Mr. Drew is scheduled to speak in Summerside this afternoon and in Charlottetown this evening. Regardless of party politics he will be warmly welcomed as a distinguished Canadian, and one who has on many occasions expressed his appreciation of our Island Province and people.

Oat Market Inquiry

An inquiry by the United States Tariff Commission which began on July 7 is of major importance to Canadian wheat growers. It is a hearing on oat importations, requested by President Eisenhower acting under Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

Some idea of the magnitude of the trade which might be affected by these proceedings may be gained from the following figures. During 1952 Canada exported to the United States about 59,000,000 bushels of oats and oat products. In the first five months of 1953 about 48 million bushels crossed the border. Canadian feed oats have been in strong demand for many years especially in the northeastern States. Under Section 22, as it presently stands, the President has power, on the basis of such an investigation, to impose fees not in excess of 50 per cent ad valorem or to impose quantitative restrictions, reducing imports by as much as one-half on the basis of a "representative period."

For the past six months there has been heavy pressure for action of this type from a group of western Congressmen, headed by Senator Young of North Dakota, who alleged that Canadian imports have depressed the Chicago futures market and involved the Commodity Credit Corporation in heavy expenditures under the price support programme. It would now appear that with the action of the Senate on July 2, amending the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, the threat to Canadian interests has become direct and immediate. The presence of enormous farm surpluses, which according to one report now cost the United States \$400,000 a day merely for storage, colors policy at every turn.

Landmark in Medicine

The University of Edinburgh is celebrating the bi-centenary of an event which is a landmark in medical science and a victory in the never-ending battle against disease—the publication of Dr. James Lind's treatise on the treatment of scurvy in 1753.

Scurvy, a deficiency disease caused by a lack of Vitamin C, was the terror of long ocean voyages in the days of sail. More died of this disease, notes the Hamilton Spectator, than of shipwreck, naval battle and all other accidents and diseases

on shipboard added together. It was Lind, a royal naval surgeon on H. M. S. Salisbury, who made his own experiments in the treatment of scurvy. He divided scurvy patients into pairs and gave them varying treatments. Those to whom he gave orange and lemon juice made rapid recovery, the symptoms vanishing in a matter of two or three days. Although nothing was known in those far-off days about vitamins, Lind drew the correct conclusions and it may not be an exaggeration to say that he laid the foundation of modern nutritional study. It was more than fifty years, however, before a compulsory ration of orange and lemon juice was ordered issued to every naval man on shipboard. With that order, scurvy vanished forever from the R. N. ships, and sea travel became safer.

Humanity owes something more than a passing tribute to the memory of this naval surgeon who also wrote on hygiene and the diseases that affect Europeans in tropical countries. A bronze plaque marking the bi-centenary is being erected in Edinburgh University.

Radar On The Roads

The Ontario Government announces that a number of its Provincial Police cars are being equipped with radar in an attempt to reduce highway accidents.

His car equipped with the device estimated to cost \$1,000 per vehicle, an officer can park by the side of the highway and check the speed of every vehicle that passes on his radar screen. Similar equipment is already in use in some parts of the United States. Once the equipment is functioning in Ontario, highways will be marked with signs indicating that radar readings are being taken.

Traffic and safety officials are hoping that motorists who know the unblinking radar eye is watching them will cut their speed and hence reduce the chance for accidents. The device is expected to be most effective on open stretches of roadway where speeds touching 80 and 90 miles an hour often lead to bad cracks-ups. Cities and towns with a 50-mile-an-hour speed limit to enforce will probably continue to depend on a police officer's ability to clock the offender as the officer races along behind him.

Radar will not mean less wear and tear on the police vehicles which must be used in chasing speeders, remarks an exchange; nor will it permit a cut in the size of the traffic squad. Radar or no, the officer will have to wing after the speeder, bring him to a halt and inform him that he faces a court summons. How radar readings will stand up in court, however, remains to be seen.

EDITORIAL NOTES

St. Swithen's Day.

In Charlottetown and Summerside hospitals are finding it necessary to complain about noise at night. Anti-noise signs may help but it would be more to the satisfaction of the ordinary householder if those abroad during the wee sma' hours would avoid making unnecessary noise on any street.

Work is well under way in the extension of electric power to Tignish and Montrose. Plans announced by Premier Matheson at the time he assumed office call for a further extension to Tignish Shore. It is to be hoped that this will be only one step in an extensive electrification programme.

A St. Peter's Bay farmer is reviving the practice of digging mussel mud to put on his land. At one time the practice was very widespread indeed but, carried too far, it limed the soil more than was desirable for potatoes. Today a great deal of the Province's soil could do with the extra lime as well as the other materials of which the mud is composed.

Maritime farmers will undoubtedly get a good return for the \$8,000,000 they spent on fertilizer this year, at least so far as crops are concerned. There are many, however, who feel that if all the locally available forms of fertilizer were also made use of farms as well as farmers would benefit.

General John Joseph Pershing, American soldier, died this date 1948. He is memorable in U. S. history as commander-in-chief of American forces in France in the First World War. Born in Missouri, he attended the U. S. Military Academy, was posted to the 6th U. S. Cavalry, military instructor at the University of Nebraska, teacher of tactics at West Point and served in Cuba and the Philippines. After the war he became the fifth American to hold the rank of full general. A man of great resolution, he combined with it outstanding organizing ability.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of local interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

TURKEY'S WHEAT PRODUCTION

Sir,—I see an item in the news columns dealing with the economic and military status of Turkey in the postwar years, intimating that "Of all NATO countries, Turkey has made the most dramatic use of American aid to build up military and economic power under the guns of the Soviet Union."

This reader was particularly interested in the reported achievements in terms of wheat production. Reference is made to the likelihood that Turkey "expects to have 1,500,000 (tons) of the bread cereal from this year's crop and perhaps 2,000,000 next year."

In closing, maybe the following facts and figures from one of the prairie farm editors may be considered apt and timely, in view of the current sessions of the International Wheat Council (at London) to re-design the new wheat pact, in the light of Britain's decision not to be a party thereto. "During the past few years world trade in wheat has been running at only slightly less than a billion bushels a year. In pre-war days it averaged only 550 million bushels annually. Europe has always been the world's greatest market for wheat; but during the past year non-European countries (according to the Corn Trade News) for the first time bought more wheat than European countries, as shown by the following figures:

Table with 2 columns: European, Non-European. Rows for years 1945-49, 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52.

I am, Sir, etc., C. E. P.

POOL MARKETING SYSTEM

Sir,—There is being advocated in this Province at the present time a pool system of marketing potatoes. Now there is one very bad feature of this program of which the farmer is not aware and of which I feel potato growers should be informed. As soon as we enter into a price agreement with the Federal Government we technically come under price support; and whenever the authorized advance under the pool system exceeds the market value we actually come under price support. Under the present trade agreement with the United States that country holds the right to impose a dumping duty or an outright embargo against our potatoes if and when they come under Government support, and as the present U. S. Administration is traditionally a constant pressure from the farm front in U. S. it is more than possible that such action would be taken. Those sponsoring any marketing scheme which might jeopardize our export trade to United States would be well advised to weigh the consequences of such a move before taking any definite action. For should we lose our United States markets the potato industry in this Province is doomed. I am, Sir, etc., SPUD, Carleton, P. E. I.

Lions And Cars

(Winnipeg Free Press) The lion has strange traits. Nairobi, capital of Kenya, is a large city and lions still make their kill almost on the runway of its two airports. A pride of nine lions recently killed three wild beasts a few yards from the main hangars and BBC reporter Ian McDougall said in Radio Newsworld that this was not the first time lions had killed and dined on the airfield. It will be the last either, for the field adjoins the National Park which is only partially ringed round with fencing that cannot prevent a resolute animal from getting out. Because of this the population of the park is always changing as some animals move out to the hills and others move down to the plain. "Which is what the park really is," said Mr. McDougall, "a vast rolling plain outside Nairobi, full of most, though not quite all, of the animals that are to be found in East Africa."

Human beings are allowed in the park provided they stay in their cars and those who have been inside the park and seen the lions there are not surprised that a large number of them should settle down to a meal virtually under the wings of the planes and within a stone's throw of the flare path. Lions seem to be astonishingly uninterested in the achievements of mechanical science and sometimes do not even bother to look up when a car arrives within a few yards of them. There are various theories as to the reason for this indifference; some people think that lions consider cars as just another kind of animal, one that cannot easily be digested but which sits and looks through two

The Neighbors



"Is it fair for you to enjoy yourself in the kitchen while you make me practice the piano?"

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) HANGED IN EFFIGY

"The night before last, some malicious and evil-disposed persons amused themselves by suspending the effigy of a certain well-known individual, at present holding a high official situation in this Colony, near the Market House, on Queen's Square. Infinite pains appear to have been taken to decorate the effigy in the most striking manner, and to secure to it a permanent as well as exalted position—effectively, which latter objects an iron chain and padlock were employed. A label was also, we understand, attached to the effigy, upon which the following sentence was written: 'This is the way to serve the Gambia Tiger!'"

Colonial Herald, April 13, 1844. (According to The Palladium of April 18 following, the effigy was suspended "from the top of Campbell's Weighing Scales" and represented "a non-commissioned military officer, dressed in a frock coat, pantaloons, long boots and a cocked hat, with a white feather nodding to the morning breeze." It is supposed to have been intended for Sir Henry Vere Huntley, who was extremely unpopular in some quarters. The Palladium, which shared this prejudice, expressed the hope that "the proprietors of this unprejudiced piece of mischief in the community may be discovered and brought to a proper sense of their duty to society, as well as of the right mode of getting rid of a political delinquent.")

The Age Old Story

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

FAST VESSEL

STANSFAD, Switzerland—(CP)—A 50 mph passenger boat, believed the world's fastest, has been tested on Lake Lucerne. The 32-passenger vessel rides at full speed on out-riggers projecting from each side of the hull.

An Earlier Rhee

(Edmonton Journal) History has a nasty habit of repeating itself, and the early history of Canada contains a curious parallel to the present efforts of Syngman Rhee to prevent a truce in Korea.

In the 1680's, the French authorities at Quebec, after several decades of war with the Iroquois Indians, tried to make peace with these formidable savages. A truce conference was held, and a treaty agreed to. The proposed peace, however, was unwelcome to the Indian allies of the French. Particularly disturbed was why old Chief Kondiarok of the Huron tribe, who feared that his people would be left to face the Iroquois alone.

Kondiarok was a man of action. He gathered his braves and ambushed a party of Iroquois. Most of the victims were killed on the spot, but a few were taken prisoner and then released. Before letting them go back to their villages, Kondiarok gave them to understand that the Hurons had acted under express orders from the French governor. "I have killed the peace!" the old chief boasted afterwards. He had the outraged Iroquois promptly went on the warpath again, and the war dragged on for many weary years.

The Woodchuck

The woodchuck, in his leather jeans, Looks forth upon my hills of beans— Pleased that man's labors should produce Such pleasant salads for his use. Cool and aloof on terraced slopes He plans his hours of breakfast hopes. When he will lift his gravelled latch And move upon my garden patch.

The Dew that dampens leaf and stem

Will lend a sweeter taste to them. The early sun has touched with gold The vines where future beans unfold. The woodchuck, strolling through the rows, Will lift each morsel to his nose; Turning a calm, pedestrian eye When distant motorists rush by.

Plump gourmand that he is, his jaws

Are ruminant behind his paws. He munches slowly, without ceasing. Each dawn he comes, untouched by fears; Each day more garden disappears, And, as his sharp incisors clash, Go all my dreams of succotash.

—Adin Ballou in the New York Herald Tribune

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Notes By The Way

So far as this country is concerned there are two species of turtle. One, the common mud turtle, may be picked up or handled with confidence that it will do no injury. The snapping turtle, could and would be likely to cause no end of trouble for anyone who presumed an acquaintance. The mud turtle shell is more nearly a circle and quite regular along the edges. It is much the more common hereabouts but, considering what a snapper may do, it would be well to be careful. The snapper will reach and grab at almost anything and once he takes hold he will hang on. He gets a man's thumb or finger in his teeth set on an incline to the rear it practically means the loss of the digit. The only way to get release is to kill the creature and, considering its shell, that is not easy. —Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

No doubt the news of the Coronation will in due course be relayed to certain far-away races in the pidgin English which they best understand. How a village councillor in Northwest Papua described the Coronation of King George VI was told in the annual report of the lieutenant-governor of Papua, Sir Herbert Murray. The councillor had heard a broadcast of the Coronation ceremony, and he repeated it in a way they could understand, as follows: King George is dead. Number one he stand up and want him clothes. Number two he make him like. Bishop he make plenty talk along new King. He say "You savvy? You look out good along all people?" King he talk "Yes." Then Bishop and plenty Government (taubaudas) (bosses) and storekeeper, and soldier, and bank manager, and policeman all he stand up and sing and blow him trumpet, Fuh-ish. Which seems a fairly competent summary of many columns in the newspapers. The rest may be taken as corroborative detail. —Manchester Guardian.

Further investigations have been made into an African artistic puzzle. The Nigerian town of Ife is the site of a mystery which concerns the remarkably fine bronze and terra cotta statues found there in 1938. William Fagg, an ethnologist and archaeologist from the British Museum in London, was a member of a recent Nigerian Government expedition which tried to solve the mystery of the statues made by unknown artists 800 years ago. Mr. Fagg, broadcasting in the BBC's Radio Newsreel, said that these works of art were as fine as anything from Ancient Greece and the Renaissance, even though they had been found in an African town where the people of today had no pretensions to artistic accomplishment. It is the sacred city of the Yoruba people, who number between five and six million, and, according to their legend it was in Ife that man was created. Their ancestors of some 800 years ago was amongst the world's most skilled craftsmen in bronze, terra cotta, glass and stone, and their culture has become famous among artists and anthropologists since the status and heads were discovered.—Winnipeg Free Press.

The graduation of young doctors from the universities at this season of the year provides the occasion to pay our respects to the medical profession, not only in Canada, but throughout the world. It was a professor who said: "As many people are sick because they are unhappy as are unhappy because they are sick." This means that today's medical practitioners must go beyond the physical field in which he was trained on the path to a medical degree. The "bedside manner" takes on a new meaning. It is not merely the provision of comfort and assurance to a sick person. It calls for a probing of the environmental and economic factors which cause emotional stress. It has been the experience of most doctors to have patients whose illness was brought on by mental difficulties, and as life gets more complex on this troubled old planet it can be hazarded that new doctors from the graduating classes will meet increasing numbers of patients whose illness stems from other than physical disease or injury.—Sudbury Daily Star.

When faster ships are built you may depend upon it that Britain will build them. Many monster ships took part in the Coronation naval review off Spithead, and tagging along at the tail end of the procession was a little warship that all men in the Royal Navy, and in other navies as well, would certainly like to see. The new warship, "Bold Pioneer," is the fastest vessel in the world, having been clocked at well over 40 knots. Her exact speed has not been revealed, but 40 knots is equivalent to 50 miles an hour. No submarine could stand any chance against her because it could crashdive. The "Bold Pioneer" left watching vessels standing as she tore past them, her bows out of water, and she turned "on a dime," with guns blazing, her wash made the other ships roll on their beam-ends. She is the most revolutionary ship afloat. The 12,000 horsepower gas-turbine engines were designed and built by Metropolitan Vickers. This sea-going comet is 122 feet long, draws only seven feet of water, and her displacement is 130 tons. An observer declares that she is an engineering miracle, and the Royal Navy is as proud of her as it is of the mighty Vanguard which is the parade.—Stratford Beacon Herald.

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