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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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Federal Tax Agreement

The Provincial Treasurer, Hon. Mr. Darby, was well within the mark when he predicted in the Legislature last March a substantial increase in the amount receivable this year from Ottawa under the new tax rental agreement.

The new tax rental agreement, like its predecessor, is for a five-year period and is based on the undertaking of the Province to suspend the levying and collection of income taxes and succession duties, the Federal Government in return undertaking to make a guaranteed minimum yearly payment.

In the brief presented by the Province at the Federal-Provincial tax conference a considerably higher figure was set as our desirable minimum. We had, however, to take what we could get.

The only fair measure in which a division of these tax revenues should be made is on a basis of fiscal need. We are not at all in accord with the contention of the big Central Provinces that they should be credited with income and corporation taxes which are paid through head offices in those Provinces, but actually are derived from the proceeds of business transactions in all parts of the country.

As We Were

As indicated in a Canadian Press despatch from Ottawa, our three Federal constituencies in this Province are to remain unchanged in any readjustment of representation in the Commons based on the 1951 census.

The Matheson Government succeeded in pegging our minimum Island representation in the Commons to the number of our Senate seats, and this provision of the B. N. A. Act, introduced at that time will also, it is to be hoped, be retained.

While no change in this respect was seriously anticipated, there has been a rumor to another effect, namely that the dual constituency of Queen's might be divided, either by making Charlottetown and the Royalities one constituency with the remaining part of the County constituting the other, or by drawing a division line directly through the City.

The Issue In Steel

Industry leaders and union executives in the steel industry in the United States are once again preparing to resume negotiations at the point where they were broken off following President Truman's intervention in the steel dispute on December 23.

Since then both sides have made the welkin ring with talk about government intervention, anti-inflation policy, the government's role in collective bargaining and the

constitutional right of the President to seize the steel plants. Notwithstanding this set of circumstances, however, the rock-bottom issue all along has been the wages which go into the steelworkers' pay envelopes.

Associate Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, who wrote the majority decision, declared in language that is destined to become part of the constitutional law of the United States: "The Constitution limits the President's functions in the law-making process to the recommending of laws and the vetoing of laws."

A less apparent but no less important issue which the Supreme Court's decision serves to establish is that a government which resorts to an elaborate system of economic control and planning invariably discovers, sooner or later, that such controls require a measure of executive power which is inconsistent with the recognized constitutional rights of the citizen.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Korean war started this date 1950.

The sympathy of all our people will be extended to Mr. Michael Thomas in the loss of his wife and child in the fire which destroyed their dwelling at Bunbury yesterday.

As Parliament goes into its final spurt before the close of the session it is seen to have a great deal of unfinished business. There can be no doubt but that it means to meet again before going to the polls.

To make the streets safe for children requires the earnest efforts of all. The authorities in removing blind spots, motorists in cautious driving and parents in teaching youngsters the rudiments of traffic sense.

After two years of war it is hardly surprising that the United Nations command should doff the velvet glove and attack the great hydro-electric plants of North Korea. Doing some real fighting may make it possible to achieve a real peace.

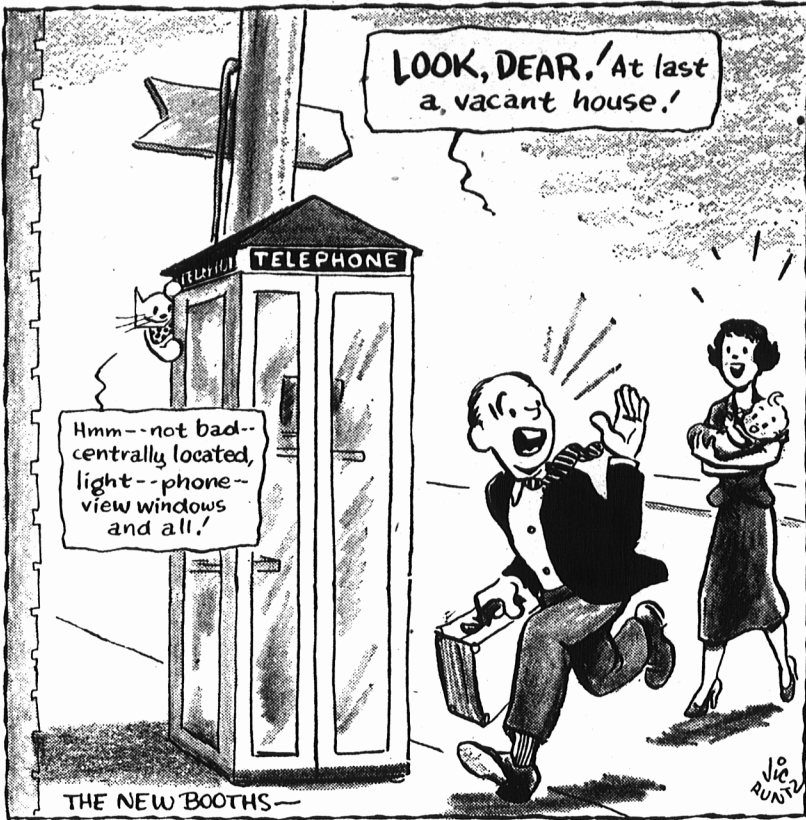
It is unusual for the Fisheries Department to urge fishermen to make haste to make a haul of a high priced product of the sea. So it is with the Northumberland Strait scallops, however, although small they reportedly yield more meat than the shellfish from other waters.

Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten of Burma, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, was born this date 1900. He entered the Royal Navy in 1913, was wireless specialist before attaining command. He was chief of Combined Operations, 1942-43, was appointed Supreme Commander Southeast Asia in 1943, and was still in command when the war in Burma was successfully concluded.

A Pittsburgh firm is bringing out a product that will literally worry to death such pests as aphids, mites, and other insects which eat the leaves and other parts of plants and vegetables. "Its application," says an exchange, "is simplicity itself. Put some on the ground and it goes up through plant roots into the foliage. The insect that eats it in no time finds its stomach upset and its nervous system thrown into a tizzy. This becomes so bad it dies."

British royalty is always big news over the border. An American newspaper attempted to explain this in an article which almost openly suggested that perhaps it might even be better if a king were to reign in Washington instead of a president. The paper pointed out that the families of the three British queens still living have always stood for decency, dignity, honor, courage and duty, and that they have upheld these virtues as a moral example to their people.

Possible Unforeseen Developments



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.

WORLD FOOD PROBLEM

Sir,—Your editorial remarks concerning the "World's Food" and the relationship between "the two great scourges of humankind—disease and hunger", made me think.

At first I was inclined to ponder just how lucky we are, we few on the North American continent (i.e., the 170 million folks in the United States and Canada); but this attitude was soon replaced by a more compassionate outlook, involving our responsibility for the welfare of the less fortunate members of the human family.

From this latter level, it was only a brief step to consider the possibilities implied in the following words from the above editorial: "With the advances of modern medical research, disease is becoming more easy to control than hunger. And as disease is wiped out, the population shoots up, and hunger increases because food production does not keep pace."

It goes without saying that if the technological methods of today's modern and mechanized farmers could be transmitted to the activities of the people at work in the world's fields, we would soon be on our way to victory—in the global fight against human hunger. But this is easier said than done, and there is an inescapable time-lag involved, even if we could get rid of the menace of war and were willing to dedicate all our energies, all our research and, yes, billions of dollars, to Peace and Abundance? There is a wide gap between the man on the tractor and the combine harvester in North America, and a comparative handful of other countries, and the myriads at work on their 1-acre and 2-acre farms in the not-so-Far East?

I am, Sir, etc. X.Y.Z.

STEPHEN LEACOCK ON EDUCATION

Sir,—In a recent controversy, carried on in the Forum of The Guardian on the subject of the late Stephen Leacock quoted as an authority on this subject. Strange to say, however, this great Canadian sage and humorist was quoted in support of that party in the controversy that decries a W.C. student—no matter of what academic standing—to have a whole year's so-called normal training before he or she can be allowed to teach boys and girls in a common public school on Prince Edward Island.

Forsooth, I am not much impressed with that sort of argument that consists largely of quotations from awe-inspiring authorities, when dealing with a subject that comes reasonably within the scope of good average intelligence combined with practical experience. But since Stephen Leacock has been quoted in defence of long normal training for teachers, I am here giving, with your permission, a somewhat lengthy quotation from this authority. The quotation is taken from his essay entitled "Teaching the Unteachable," found in his book entitled "Too Much College," and is as follows: "Consider education. By this is meant not the body of knowledge itself but the manner and method of imparting it. The notion that a student must spend one-fifth of his college life, and one-fifth of his parents' college money in learning how to teach the things he has learned already (four years of pedagogy) is just a sham. The quotation is from the idea only designed to help keep the teaching profession closed, to help keep up the market, let us do it some other way... But the pretence that pedagogy is worth a year of life is just wicked. It has a certificate in the stuff dating back to 1888. In those

The Poet's Corner

TO ANY SPRING

Under what winter moon were you wrought? From what heart's cry Were you wrung, Tender of eye? On what far wish April blown? Your crown of bloom Woven by what half-need On what joy-seasoned loom?

O long dreamed, O green and white and gold, Out of what loving and so loved, Hope self-sprung, By the heart's half told, Out of what light and laughter, Living and longing, What shimmer of springs gone by Were you dreamed? Out of what heart's cry? —Myrtle Adams, in Canadian Poetry Magazine.

happy days we escaped with three months' sentence. I put in my time at the old Collegiate Institute of Strathroy, Ontario, and had among the pupils on whom I practised General Sir Arthur Currie, then a boy of thirteen just entering high school. We had to study a book or two on the history of education, interesting enough, but as easy as mud pie to anyone trained on Greek and Mathematics. We studied also a text book or two on the theory of education, all of it as obvious as coming in and out of the wet. We were taught that education must proceed from the known to the abstract, from the known to the unknown, and so forth. In later life with forty six years of teaching I have realized that, obvious as it is, a lot of this isn't so. It is often good business as a short cut to begin with something abstract and unknown and for the moment unintelligible, and later come out into the sunlight of understanding. It is like going through a tunnel under a hill instead of wandering miles around it.

"Education as a theory in a general sense is interesting to read about and think about. Like Sociology it is fit reading for old men. But it is not a college course. Education, as practice, begins when you really start to teach as I did at the High School on a February morning in 1889. All that Strathroy had done for me was to break the ice; the plunge had still to come. A couple of months' initiation into practical teaching taught while still in the Arts course is all any teacher can benefit by. To steal a year of youth is robbery. One recalls how Emile Zola in the Dreyfus case kept repeating "J'accuse!" That is how I feel. "J'accuse Pedagogy!"

I am, Sir, etc. M. MCKENZIE, Canoe Cove.

Old Charlottetown

CABLE TROUBLE

"The injury to the submarine cable by means of which, for the past six months, we have been unable to communicate with the adjoining Provinces, is, we regret to learn, for the present irreparable. The cable, it is supposed, has parted. It cannot be re-united until next spring.

"We understand that the Government are desirous that the Telegraph Company should, during the winter, keep open their offices at Capes Tormentine and Traverse. If this were done, messages might be telegraphed to Cape Tormentine—then transcribed, and sent by boat to the operator at Cape Traverse, who would transmit them over the wire to Charlottetown.

"The mail boats now cross twice a week. If arrangements were made for the regular transmission of an additional mail, the public might, in fine weather, depend upon receiving the latest telegrams at least every other day. We trust that ere our next number shall appear some such arrangement for supplying the public with the means of communication with the outer world will have been completed." —The Islander, Dec. 27, 1861.

The Age-Old Story

Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices; but this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN

South America's highest mountain, Aconcagua in Argentina, is 23,081 feet high, compared to 20,269 for McKinley in Alaska.

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Notes By The Way

NOTES BY THE WAY In Calcutta a mystic has died after eating nails, poison and ground glass. A coincidence, perhaps. But then again there are certain food combinations that do not always agree with delicate stomach.—(Ottawa Citizen).

It is reported that CBC technicians are busy at the Forum these days, in preparation for television and wrestling shows that are put on there weekly. Shades of the Massey Report! This is a sad tumble from the high cultural ideals for which the CBC denied television licences to private stations.—(Montreal Gazette).

Premier Duplessis says his Liberal opponents are making a great fuss over the fact that a bridge collapsed at Three Rivers. Why, he says, his government built 810 bridges and only one of them fell. Mr. Duplessis must be long to the same school as the one who made "fifty-fifty" from horse and rabbit meat—one horse, one rabbit.—(Ottawa Citizen).

Pigs in the Republic of Ireland must now all be white, it has been officially announced. It will be a future he has an offence to keep other than a white pig. Farmers have had notice of the intentions of the Minister of Agriculture since last July, when the use of colored pigs for breeding was prohibited. It is considered that the white pig gives better bacon and pork.—(London Times).

A doctor means security. He is deeply rooted in people's needs. He is as basic in their life as food, shelter and clothing. The doctor is the mainstay by night, against the terror of a child suddenly ill. He is the solid-rock assurance to the couple about to become parents. He is reassurance for the fright that gets into man and woman when their bodies assert their mortality by breaking down. The doctor is hope and he is strength. Unspoken usually, yet this is what the patient feels for the doctor.—(Regina Leader-Post).

Elwood Hughes, the CNE's general manager, cannot see the sense of giving away a motor car each night to holders of prize-winning admission tickets to the grandstand show, as suggested by Mayor Lampert. He points out that 14 cars would cost \$30,000, without a commensurate gain. The proposal is not only economically unsound, but cheapens the Exhibition. If the grandstand show is flying through storm and drought, over land teeming with natural and unnatural enemies, over seas where its flight a few feet above the surface extends for miles without respite, the warbler can no more turn a deaf ear to the summons of the Canadian wilds than can the spawning salmon to that of the fresh water pool of her birth.—(St. Thomas Times-Journal).

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