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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Welfare-State Budgeting

The feature of Finance Minister Abbott's budget is that he makes it plain that he considers it to set the standard for future Government financing.

The latter statement is significant. Government expenditures cannot be expected to decline in time of recession.

There are no changes in taxes on personal incomes, nor on liquor, tobacco, cosmetics or succession duties.

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Nearing The End

The Provincial Legislature is nearing the end of its session, and the time has arrived to consider its accomplishments.

Objection has been taken to the omission of details of expenditure from the Public Works report.

the inadequacy of the discussions during the session. Too much time was taken up with what might be described as pettiness, what Holy Writ illustrates by the man who perpetually fixes his eyes upon the ground, never looking up to see the sun, moon and stars and the things that count in making life worth living.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Ten more days till Easter.

The Legislature opened like a lamb but goes out like a lion.

So the C. N. R. do contemplate entering bus and truck traffic here; and likewise do contemplate a Georgetown-Pictou steamer service to replace the Northumberland Ferries.

Women's Institutes in Britain, founded on the model of the pioneer organization in Canada, have done great work.

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Amalgamation of Toronto and 12 neighboring municipalities has been recommended by the Toronto and York planning board.

Rev. John Keble, English priest and poet, died this date 1866. He had a brilliant career at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and was ordained priest in 1816.

Egg prices on March 24 this year and previous years. The prices quoted below are for Grade A Large.

Table with columns for location (Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Charlottetown) and years (1950, 1949, 1948) showing egg prices.

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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.

DRAGGERS & ORGANIZATION

Sir, - The Saturday issue of the Guardian carried a very interesting letter for fishermen. The writer signed himself North Shore Fisherman and certainly seemed to know what he was writing about.

I also notice that forty-nine per cent of the stock in the government dragger can be controlled by interests other than fishermen.

I understand there is some kind of organization called a Fishermen's Federation but it seems it is more of a dealers' federation.

LIVESTOCK MARKETING BOARD

Sir, - I was rather amazed a few evenings ago, when reading "Proceedings in the local Legislature" when among other things I observed an announcement that the ex-Minister of Agriculture was sponsoring a Bill praying that the assets of the now dormant Livestock Marketing Board be transferred to another corporation not outwardly interested nor actively engaged in the marketing of livestock.

Under this combination of circumstances one would be partially, if not wholly, justified in suspecting that the real purpose of the Bill was that of performing a whitewash job rather than that stated therein, and that the sanctity of the Legislature had been brought into contempt in attempting to make it a party to the transaction.

A WORSE SPANKING

Sir, - May I have some space in your paper to express my views on a letter signed "An Enthusiastic Reader of the Guardian", Montague, P.E.I. I can see that the writer is no farmer, as he gives the farmers a worse "spanking" than Premier Jones.

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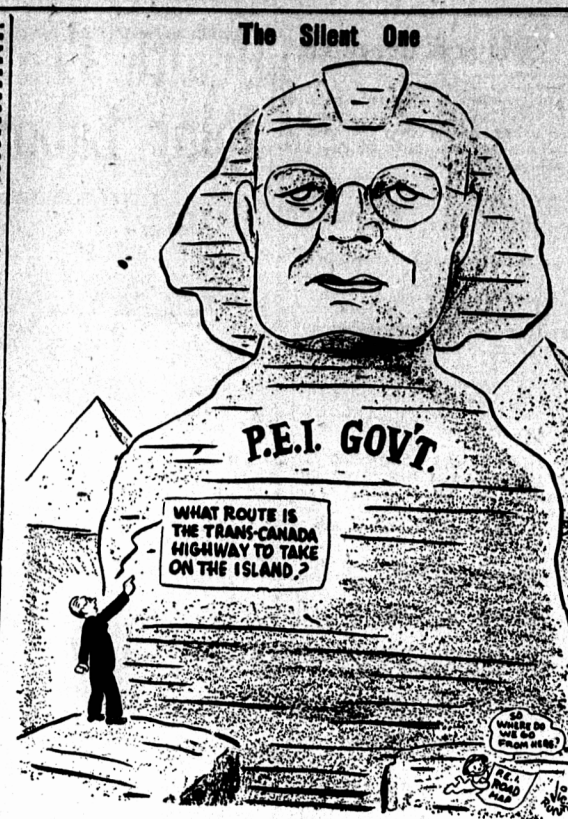
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Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

HIGHWAY LABOUR

"By the new Statute Labour Act which passed the Lower House yesterday, the Governor with advice of the Council is empowered to appoint Commissioners of Highways, residing in the different Districts of the Island, who are to be allowed £10 each annually; these Commissioners are to appoint the Overseers of Statute Labour, and to point out where labour is to be performed.

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Notes By The Way

To quote the words of Dr. J. B. Cook, Sudbury's medical officer of health, one case of diphtheria in the city in one year "is one too many."

The number of British Columbia's MLAs should be cut. There are 48 now; that seems a lot for a province of little more than one million people.

A stricter method of licensing drivers and vehicles would help reduce the accident rate. Greater care in driving when the weather and surfaces are poor might be mitigating, as would greater caution at indicated danger-spots.

If there is any "literary" or "social uplift" aspect about the after-hour bottleclubs flourishing in Washington, it must be hidden under the counter.

Only seems longer. The non-smokers have no cause for smug self-satisfaction, for it has not been proved conclusively that their longevity is due to abstention from tobacco.

There may be doubts about the physical effects of smoking, but there are none about the financial consequences. The Chancellor of the Exchequer piles on the penal taxation, and the smokers go on paying, literally through the nose.

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The Poet's Corner

DON QUIXOTE

This is indeed the soul of golden Spain, Whose drowned Armadas live and sail for ever, Nor reap a profit from their lost endeavour, Nor from vast Oceans e'er return again - The holy madness of the pure in heart Crusading through a comfortable world; Here is the wild flag of the Ideal unfurled In desolate places dreadful and apart.

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