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Poultry Production

Canadian beef, swine, or lamb producers wondering whether pressure on meat prices, which is being exerted by the plentiful supplies of cheap poultry coming to market, is going to ease up...

Professor Cavers reports that in 1950 poultry meat consumption per capita in Canada was 22 lb. By 1957, it had increased another 50 per cent to 33.5 lb. Yet many of the factors that have contributed to this growth have only begun to be exploited...

Why is the poultry industry developing so fast? According to Professor Cavers, the reason is because it is producing meat that can be sold to the consumer at a very low cost. He said the wholesale price index, which uses prices during the 1935-39 period to compute its base of 100, tells the story...

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Soviet news agency Tass reports that huge reservoirs of boiling water have been discovered between 2800 and 9000 feet below the surface near a town on the Trans-Siberia railway. The water will be used for heating homes and factories over a wide area.

The Tension Eased

Last week the possibility of any German settlement seemed dim indeed. Ignoring simple diplomatic courtesies, Premier Khrushchev practically insulted his invited guest, Prime Minister Macmillan of Great Britain, bitterly attacking the West and its stand on the issues under dispute. He said, in effect, that the Soviet must have all its demands or there is no use negotiating. He allowed no room for compromise.

Now we have Moscow dispatches reporting that the Soviet Union has agreed to Western proposals for a foreign minister's meeting on the Berlin and German problems. There is little doubt that much of the credit for this sudden switch is due to the firm, but courteous, attitude of Mr. Macmillan, who during his ten days' stay in the Soviet Union never appears to have lost his temper, but hammered away on the theme of negotiation. One shudders to think of the mess U.S. Secretary Dulles would have made of the situation had he been in charge. It called for real diplomacy, not blustering retorts in kind.

Heretofore the Soviet Government had proposed two separate and different conferences, each to deal with specific questions. In each case, acceptance of the Soviet demand would require prior agreement by the Western Powers and by Western Germany to the implied propositions,

which they could not reasonably accept in advance and apart from all the other aspects of the German problem. It is of the essence of the Western position that there should be no such prior commitments, and no restriction of the field of discussion. The question of Berlin, the question of re-unification, the question of a peace treaty, the question of European security in reference to Germany, should all be discussed and examined.

It is by no means sure that Russia's agreement to a ministerial conference will bring about a settlement of any of these problems. But at least it is a step in the right direction, and the Western Powers would be wise to accept it in that spirit. Russia wants its satellites, Poland and Czechoslovakia, represented at the meeting. If this should give the East a greater sense of equality in the talks, what would be the objection? President Eisenhower has said: "We shall remain strong and alert, united with our allies, and ever ready to negotiate over problems when there is any real promise of success." No one can tell whether this is a "real promise" or not; but the chance is well worth exploring.

OTTAWA REPORT

Scope For Full Inquiry

A very worthwhile enquiry by the Public Accounts Committee of our House of Commons would be an immediate scrutiny of all the postwar payments of your money to the A. V. Roe aircraft manufacturing company, under contracts initiated by the former Liberal Government. The Committee might as a result be able to recommend that some of those huge payments could be recovered by the sale of assets still belonging to the taxpayer.

Last year's sensational revelations of Liberal profligacies over the Government Printing Palace in Hull would probably be peanuts by comparison. During the past four years alone, you the taxpayers have paid a staggering \$652,710,959 to Avro. The immensity of this sum can be gauged by the comparison that it is more than enough to pay all the Government's contribution to the National Hospital Plan for the next four years at current rates.

The history of what may prove to have been the taxpayers' most generous industrial security payments of all time passed a milestone on July 1, 1953. On that date, Avro purchased from you and me the Government's wartime "Victory" aviation plant at Malton Airport, near Toronto. Land and buildings, which had cost the taxpayers \$17,383,000, were sold to Avro "at cost less normal depreciation," or for a loss of \$250,000, said the then responsible Liberal Minister, C. D. Howe. But was an allowance made for "appreciation" of the land during the previous 15 years or so of immense expansion and "devaluation"? The Public Accounts Committee would probably learn that the value of the land had quadrupled during those 15 years when our cost of living index had leapt from 62 to 116.

REMEMBER THE JET-LINER

After the war, Avro was given the Jet-Liner project. \$6,600,000 of the taxpayers' money, said Mr. Howe, was invested in that world-leading civilian aircraft, before he decided that it was "a dead duck" and should be scrapped. Were any additional buildings and tools bought with that money, which now should belong to the taxpayers? Next came the project to design and develop the CF-100 fighter aircraft. Mr. Howe said that we had invested \$122,000,000 in that, before we got our first plane. "That included the building and equipping of an engine plant," he admitted to Parliament in 1955, "as well as substantial additions to the aircraft plant and the installation of additional equipment."

Have all those capital expenditures been recovered from Avro? There has long been a very close association between Avro President Crawford Gordon and Liberal Cabinet Minister C. D. Howe, who hired Gordon to assist him in three different jobs in Government during long wartime and post-war stretches. This no doubt helped negotiations under which Avro attained a position as virtually a Crown Company dependent upon government business, such as the CF-105 Arrow development project under which not one aircraft has yet been delivered to the R.C.A.F. for squadron use in return for open-ended payments totaling \$341,000,000 to date.

THE GOLDEN LOBBY

In 1955 Mr. Howe, the then responsible Minister, admitted that the cost of the Arrow program gave him the shudders. Two years later, top air force brass told Defence Minister George Peckarske that the program was again increasing in cost. What were the elements of that cost? For example, is the big salary paid to Mr. Gordon compatible with the circumstances, and

how does it compare with the remuneration of \$14,040 per year paid to the Air Force officer commanding the supply branch, or the \$17,000 paid to the Minister of Defence Production? Is Mr. Gordon in receipt of an expense account no larger than is compatible with good husbandry of the public purse? How much did Avro contribute to Liberal Party funds while it was eating high off the taxpayers' hog? Mr. Gordon boasted in Toronto a few months ago that he would make the Prime Minister change his decision to scrap the Arrow, even if it was the last thing he did. An unprecedented lobby was organized by someone with the same objective, enlisting labour unions, journalists, broadcasters, public citizens and politicians, and vividly illustrating the Prime Minister's dictum: "The weaker the case, the stronger the lobby." Was this enormous propaganda campaign in effect paid for by you and me? We don't know the answers to these pertinent questions without a public enquiry. On the surface, there appear to be grounds which would amply justify the Public Accounts Committee taking a close look at the liberal treatment accorded to Avro.



FORGOTTEN SOMETHING?

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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.

HOME AND SCHOOL

Every year a number of children come of age to attend school and many parents are wondering how they can prepare their child for this, to many children, frightening experience of leaving the shelter of home for the first time. In the Education Week it is well to remind ourselves of a truth very often forgotten, that the home and parents have the first responsibility for the education of children; the church and school are supplementary agencies. The task of forming "the complete man" by Christian education is a challenge worthy of the combined efforts of parents, clergy and teachers.

Another truth which is also too often overlooked is that the preschool years are most important; training for living must begin at birth. The habit formation of a bundle of sweet and helpless humanity is confided to the parents' care. The acquisition of motor control of capacity for speech, of development through the exercise of his sense are really important and interesting facets in pre-school training; but perhaps training in obedience (one phase of the more comprehensive term, discipline) is above all that which will make adjustment to school life easy for the young child.

Children who are hard to manage in school are those who were not taught to obey. If parents themselves cannot make children obey it may well be that they do not begin early enough to show their child that they must respect authority. They listen to the sob-sisters who talk about how cruel it is for a big man to punish a helpless child. They claim that parents should control their children by reasoning with them. Experience has proved that by the time the child has reached the use of reason the parents have lost control and can never regain it. You cannot reason with a six-month-old baby but a slap on the hands will teach it not to pull off glasses, practices which most babies find quite amusing.

It is merely coincidental that juvenile delinquency increased when "spanking" went out. Some parents allow their children to do as they like, consoling themselves by saying "Oh, it will be different when they go to school." Then when the teacher makes them conform to rules the youngsters naturally dislike it. Scripture says "An obedient man shall speak of victory" and the obedient child is easily led in a wider discipline of right conduct and self-control to show consideration for others, to practice truthfulness, courtesy and correct social behavior, and to take on responsibilities compatible with his years. Children should be taught to work at an early age. In rural areas, even in this machine era, there are many chores a child can do. In urban centers parents should find something the child can do. Recently I called at a

Shots For Hay Fever Sufferers

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. There are at least three things you can do about your hay fever right now. Peak of the hay fever season—mid-August to mid-September—is sometimes off, but there is no way of preventing or even delaying its arrival. You had best start preparing for it now. SERIES OF SHOTS. Ideally, the injection treatment should be begun at least three months before the expected pollination of the plant or plants to which you are allergic. Your doctor can determine your allergy by a simple and painless skin test. Usually injections are given about once a week and continued through the pollen season's duration. SOME EXCEPTIONS. In some cases, the inoculation are continued all year long. With these patients, however, the intervals between injections are usually longer than one week. Can you count on these inoculations being helpful? Well, nothing is certain, of course. But at least three out of four hay fever victims are satisfactorily relieved by such treatment. And that, to me, is a pretty good average. Moreover, scientists are studying ways to improve pollen immunization and to lessen the number of injections necessary to relieve the condition. OTHER STEPS. Whether or not you decide to get the inoculations, there are a couple of other steps you can plan now to ease your suffering later in the year. For one thing, give a thought to air-conditioning your entire home or at least your bedroom. If airborne allergens are causing your trouble, you can find comfort in an air-conditioned room. Not many persons are thinking about air-conditioning now and you may be able to get a good deal. PLAN NOW. One more way to beat the hay fever menace is to make preliminary plans to map out your vacation right now. Decide when and where you are going and make your reservations, if any are needed. There are many places you can go during the hay fever season which are relatively offenders. I gave you a list of some of them last year. So, plan early, and avoid all those sniffles and sneezes. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Mrs. A.P.: Kindly tell me how or where caluses could be removed by dry ice? Answer: It would be advisable to consult a skin specialist.

NOTES BY THE WAY

An article reaching this desk extols the gustatory delights of English and European cheeses, but for the long haul we'll back our own Canadian cheddar every time.—Ottawa Journal. average Prince Edward Island farmer is financially sound, to submit to or even consider Government control would be as utterly unwise as to adopt a policy of vertical integration. In the closing paragraph of his letter our learned friend of Southern Kings states that "you do not have to be a prophet to know who will pay the largest share" of the "estimated two million dollars that the recent freight increase is going to cost this Province." How could any "freight increase," recent or otherwise, conceivably cost this Province two million dollars? Elucidation is essential. If, however, freight rate increase and not "freight increase" were meant, then I heartily agree that one need be neither a prophet nor even closely associated with a prophet to know who will pay the largest share of the amount involved. In fact, the question "Who will pay?" is so elementary that it hardly merits the dignity of an answer: as has been and still is the custom, the consumer, in every instance, pays the price of a commodity or any increase in the price of a commodity, whether the increase in question be in freight rates, the price of steel, rubber, or paper. I am, Sir, etc., FRANCIS C. SHIELDS, Clermont, P. E. I.

THE MONEY QUESTION

Sir,—I have read an open letter to all Canadian workers written by Mr. Paul McHugh and published in your paper. It is a good sign that somebody has started to air the money question and I sincerely hope that many others will try to penetrate the matter still deeper; not only politically interested people, but anyone who is able to use his or her "upper brain." From my viewpoint there is not so much a question about higher or lower wages. A person who gets only one dollar a day for his work can do more harm than he who gets \$3.00 or \$4.00 for the same kind and amount of work. If the poorly paid worker goes out in the yard and digs down his share of received value in the dirt, he will automatically stop its ability to supply work and necessities for anybody else; and whatever people may think about the value of one dollar or even of one cent, it is certainly still of more value than nothing at all. Of course, the better paid worker might do the same harm if he follows the same pattern or he might let someone else take over his own responsibility to use up the value wisely; by banking

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A French engineering group is completing a gigantic hydro-electric project in the Snowy Mountains of Australia which local experts think is one of the most difficult technical feats ever accomplished in this area. The hydro-electric powerhouse is located in an underground cavern, 1,195 feet deep, in a gorge at Cabramurra in New South Wales.—France Actuelle

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 4, 1934)

A new and interesting feature connected with the military display at the opening of the Legislature tomorrow will be the presence of a color party in addition to the Guard of Honour, carrying the King's colours, unaccompanied. The party will be under command of Lt. A. R. Saunders.

TEN YEARS AGO

(March 4, 1949) Three of the biggest feuds in the P. E. I. Trade Union Act for protection against labour strikes were extracted yesterday in the Legislature. The deleted sections provided for licensing of Trade Unions by the Provincial Secretary, exclusion of non-residents from union membership, and the requirements of a certified statement as to the unions being "autonomous."

Mr. Anson Dowling of Charlottetown has taken a position with a firm near Halifax which specializes in radar and other devices with which ships are equipped. Mr. Dowling, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dowling, has been a radio technician since his return from overseas. During the war he served with the Signals of the third Canadian Division.

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