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Maintaining Quality

In area this Province does not loom large in the great land mass which is North America. We have obstacles of tariff to overcome in order to get our principal product, potatoes to the consumer in the United States. By truck or rail we have greater distances to haul them than have competing producers in the New England states, and even New Brunswick.

Yet in spite of these disadvantages Prince Edward Island has built up and maintains a strong demand for our certified seed. The answer is, of course, quality. Climate and soil combine to enable us to produce seed potatoes of remarkable viability. Our people and Government combine to produce and ship only the finest, most uniform and most disease-free potatoes it is possible to obtain today.

To hold our markets and develop new ones, that reputation for quality must suffer no set-backs. A single shipment of spoiled potatoes can undo all the work of years, so far as that market is concerned.

It is with reason, then, that no freshly-dug potatoes are permitted to be shipped from the Province. The possibility that apparently sound tubers actually are damaged or affected with rot which would show up after a period in storage or shipment is a chance which the industry cannot afford to take. Every potato exported must reach the consumer in prime condition and that can only be assured by a storage period of at least 10 days before shipment.

Third Force In Asia

Agenda of the Fifth General Assembly of the United Nations is so cluttered with items concerning economic co-operation, the supervision of trusteeship territories, promotion of human rights, and mediation efforts in Kashmir, Libya, Somaliland and South Africa, that even the delegates can scarcely see the woods for the trees. The most of these matters however are of merely secondary importance. Long term implications of the Korean war ought to have top billing.

Most significant among recent developments in UN is the rising voice of the peoples of Asia, and in particular of India and China. It was India which proposed inacceptable settlement of the Korean affair, Prime Minister Nehru's overtures to Premier Stalin, and the former's desire to see Communist China represented in UN deliberations, has led to the quite erroneous conclusion that India is leaning towards Communism.

Actually, nothing could be farther from the truth. Prime Minister Nehru's policy is aimed not at closer ties with the Soviet Union, which he loathes almost as much as he did the British regime in India. Rather, the Indian Government sees a chance for achieving closer ties with China, thus welding a third force having control over a population of three quarters of a billion people. Nehru sees Indian-Chinese co-operation as the only way to achieve a dominant world position for the peoples of Asia.

It is not difficult to foresee the implications of this policy. For it would signify the emergence of a new Asiatic imperialism which, in time, could rival in strength and influence both the Soviet Union and the Western Democracies. From the Indian point of view, it is a logical policy. Whether, even were it to succeed, it is a wise course to follow time alone will tell.

Britain's Bonus Babies

Over in Britain they don't have the Baby Bonus. But the Ministry of Health is having its problem with "bonus babies". The immediate cause of the trouble is a woman from continental Europe who has received free maternity care three times in the United Kingdom since the National Health Scheme was inaugurated. The woman, who was unmarried, promptly deserted the baby each time to British charities.

The rub is that, under the National Health Scheme, there is nothing to prevent a foreigner receiving free medical attention in Britain. The Medical Press, an independent professional journal, which reports the case, says the practice of foreigners coming to Britain for maternity care and then deserting their offspring, is occurring with increasing frequency.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Last day of lobster fishing.

Air Cadet recruiting this evening at P. W. C.

A former Islander, Mr. Cyrus S. Ching, has been appointed by President Truman chairman of the Wage Stabilization Board.

It would seem that ducks hereabouts are highly literate. Hunters, at any rate, seem to think that they suddenly became wary at zero hour of the open season.

Rev. Dr. R. S. Quigley of Belfast is to be congratulated on the honour conferred upon him by his unanimous choice as Moderator of the Maritime Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The value of the Canadian dollar and the pound sterling is on the ascendant in foreign exchange, but not by very much. It means, however, both countries are earning more than they are spending.

Despite the lack of hot weather the soil appears to be decidedly dry. Potato pickers facing the constant wind-driven dust are inclined to think that even working in the rain would be preferable.

With the installation of His Honor T. W. L. Prowse, we are left with four ex-Governors, all in good health and happiness, viz., Hon. F. R. Heartz, Hon. G. D. DeBlois, Hon. B. W. LePage, and Hon. J. A. Bernard.

Portugal became a republic this date 1910. Earlier in 1908 Manuel II was proclaimed King but in 1910 a revolution broke out; the royal family fled to England; Lisbon was bombarded, and Portugal was declared a Republic. In 1911 a Republican constitution was adopted, and formally recognized by the Powers.

The shortening hours of daylight give that much longer for one very dangerous pest to cause annoyance and danger. The driver who neglects to dip his headlights when meeting traffic is not easy to identify, but should certainly be taught a lesson whenever possible.

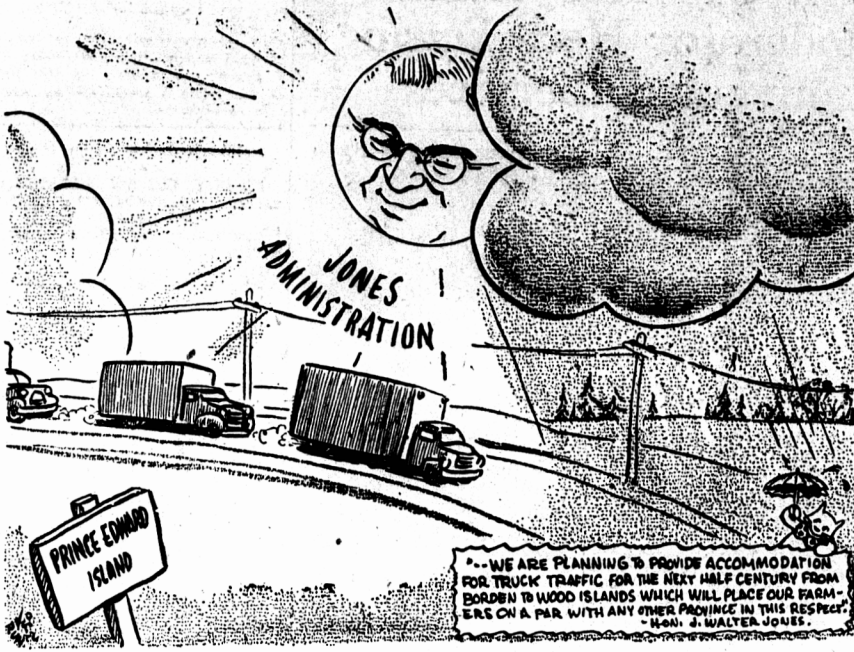
Contests in the four Federal by-elections in Quebec and Ontario show a healthy interest in national affairs. Credit is due to those who take the field because they feel that the administration needs to have its shortcomings brought to light, and although they cannot even by success in their contests form a Government.

The Finance Department at Ottawa announces that Russia pays her bills. The Soviet borrowed \$2,900,000 under the Canadian Export Credits Insurance Act in 1946-47 to buy hydro-electric machinery. The bill came due last month. It was paid in full. The interest payments that fell due every six months in the intervening period were always paid promptly too, an official said. Russia still owes Canada nearly \$9,000,000 for loans and advances made during the war, most of it to buy wheat and flour. Settlement of that account is under negotiation now, the official said.

Style conscious ladies warmly applauded the charming mannequins last evening as they viewed the 1950 Fall fashions. The show was a well staged and swiftly moving display of design and color which would be the envy of more experienced dress houses of Montreal or Toronto. It was pleasing to note that a number of the fur garments were the creation of Island Furriers, and with the remarkably successful Spring Fashion Show, it would appear that the Province might well encourage dress designing which would draw manufacturers here in search of ideas for distinctive and attractive costumes, or even compete with established style centers for the dressing of Mrs. and Miss Canada.

Confirming Mr. Roy Cudmore's report of conditions in men's wear business, the National Council of Clothing Manufacturers of Canada report the price of men's suits will be increased from \$5 to \$10 each. In a letter going to 6,250 retailers next week, the Council says this boost is for the cost of material only, and does not include rises which may result from higher costs of labor, linings and trimmings. "Raw wool prices are now at an historic peak," the letter says, "due largely to world shortages and world demand in which Canada is an insignificant factor." Deliveries from British mills are extended to a point where orders are taken on a basis of nine to 12 months' delivery. Deliveries from Canadian mills are proportionately extended. In Bradford, England, the price of wool this month was from 60 to 70 per cent higher than in July.

Somewhere The Sun Is Shining



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.

THE FALLING LEAVES

Lightly He blows, and at His breath they fall, The prishing kindreds of the leaves; they drift, Spent flames of scarlet, gold aerial. Across the hollow year, noiseless and swift. Lightly He blows, and countless as the falling. Of snow by night upon a solemn sea. The ages circle down beyond recalling. To strew the hollows of Eternity. He sees them drifting through the spaces dim. And leaves and ages are as one to Him.

—Sir Chas. G. D. Roberts.

The Age-Old Story

And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether it is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house.

But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

able by myself, Sidney Webb and our fellow Fabians.

Lenin, recognized as a great statesman by me and Mr. Churchill when every one else was denouncing him as a bloodthirsty bandit, began by kindly exhorting me as "a good man fallen among Fabians." When he had to govern and administer instead of theorizing, experience soon brought him to his senses; and he proclaimed his New Economic Policy, the first installment of Russian Fabianism. It progressed by leaps and bounds; and Stalin came into the field with Socialism in a single country and collective farming with a sop to the peasant's need for a little private property in the form of British Jesse Collings's prescription of three acres and a cow. Trotsky, the anti-Fabian hero of the civil war, was fired into political space where he perished.

Marxism, a British Museum export, was set on its feet by Fabianism, another British export. We are the spiritual fathers of modern successful Communism, protesting all the time in our ridiculous British way, that we hold it in abhorrence, yet setting up despotic Soviets all over the land disguised as committees and commissions and boards. Our propaganda of plutocracy is inessential. We call it freedom and private enterprise.

The future is to the countries that carry Communism farthest and advertise it most effectually. The Labour slogan used to be Educate, Agitate, Organize. As nobody disputes this nowadays, I propose the addition of Advertise, Advertise, Advertise.

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Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) OLDTIME NOMINATIONS

"William McGill, Esq., High Sheriff, opened his Court at 11 a. m. on Saturday for the nomination of candidates for representation in the General Assembly, of Charlottetown and severally of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th electoral districts of the County. The following extracts from the Clerk of the Court's books set forth the names of the candidates and (in brackets) their proposers and seconds: Charlottetown, with Common and Royalty: Hon. Edward Whelan (Thomas Essory, Joseph Weeks); Daniel Davies, (Hon. F. Longworth, George Beers); John T. Jenkins, (William Welsh, Robt. Fellows); 1st Electoral District: Don. Morrison; (William Haslam, Don. Morrison); Colin Holm, (William Pearson, William Inman); Alex. McQuarrie, (Jos. Howatt, Edward Carragher); 2nd Electoral District: John Longworth, (Wm. Henry Hyde, William Orr); Alex Laird, (William Brown, David R. Hooper); Geo. F. Robinson, (Wm. S. McNeill, John McKaig); 3rd Electoral District: Hon. George Coles, (Ewen McMillan, George Lawson); Henry Longworth, (Charles Gregor, Robert Mutch); Hon. Francis Kelly, (Francis McQuade, John Allan McDonald); John Arch. McDonald, (James Miller, James Campbell); 4th District: William Douse, (John Ings, Sr., Samuel Drake); Hon. John H. Gray, (Nicholas McKins, Alex. McRae); Donald Macneuro, (Philip Lane, Conrad Vickerson); At 4 o'clock, the Sheriff proclaimed the names of the candidates, and the time and place at which the Polls will be held; and, having done so, adjourned his Court until Wednesday, the 23rd instant, 10 o'clock forenoon, then to be re-opened for the opening and casting up of the Poll books, etc.

Around the hustings, and during nearly the whole time that the Sheriff's Court was open, the people — numbering, it was conjectured, nearly two thousand — under most immediate restraint than that imposed upon them by their own sense of justice and respect due to the authority of the laws, conducted themselves with most unexceptionable propriety, and gave to each of the candidates as fair a hearing as they could well have expected to receive. We are very sorry, however, to have to add, that a little before 4 o'clock, just before the Sheriff closed his Court, a fight commenced (how it originated we have not been able to learn), at the southeast corner of Queen Square, in which a number of men, armed with sticks and bludgeons, unfortunately engaged. From thence the combatants, maintaining a sort of running fight, passed down Richmond Street into Pownall Street, which became the principal scene of the conflict. Three or four individuals, who have unfortunately been wounded, we rejoice to add on good authority, will soon, in all likelihood, be sound and well again.

—The Examiner, March 14, 1859.

MEMBERSHIP-CASH DRIVE

VANCOUVER. — (CP) — A five-week "membership-cash" drive has been started by the C.C.F. in British Columbia. Part of the national expansion campaign, the drive is under the direction of treasurer Don MacDonald.

DIPHTHERIA TOLL

There were 79 deaths from 798 cases of diphtheria in Canada in 1949.

Notes By The Way

According to a news item, the Mayor of Vancouver has taken to roaming the streets "disguised as a citizen", in order to sample public opinion. It is probably an excellent thing for him to chat with strangers, but just how does he disguise himself as a citizen? Does he wear trousers and boots and other artificial trappings calculated to mislead us? And what does he wear when revealing his true office? A tiger-skin, we hope, with perhaps a simple but perfect ruby on his turban.—Victoria Times.

Perhaps this is not the best moment to suggest that there can be limits to the virtue of thrift. Yet it is somehow refreshing to run across a person who understands that money is valuable only if it helps one to get a little more fun out of life. We all want security, of course. Yet for most of us the measure of security which we get is apt to depend pretty largely on forces over which we have no control whatever. We can save for a rainy day as valorously as we please, but if economic maldistribution sends us a whole succession of cloudbursts the best umbrella we buy will be inadequate. Meanwhile, the money we do get is paid for by hard work. What do we buy with it? Food, lodging, clothing — and such little extras as we can afford. And often enough it is on those extras that a good part of the fun of living depends. Maybe it is foolish, in a way, to take hard-earned cash and spend it on a trip, or on a new car, a recreation room, or anything else that isn't absolutely necessary. But it is foolishness of that kind that helps to make life enjoyable.— Quebec-Chronicle-Telegraph.

A new bank mix has come to the Eskimo and he likes it. When short of seal meat or caribou, Eskimo women for years have been mixing flour and baking powder into a dough they fried over their seal oil stoves. The traders called the mixture bannock but to the natives it is bank. It did not provide a balanced diet. When family allowances were introduced the natives were required to devote some of the payment to powdered milk for children under six years old. They found that adding milk powder improved the bank. Recently the posts have been stocking egg powder and the Eskimos decided this went well in the mixture. Eggs of course are not new to the Eskimos. For generations they have been eating birds' eggs, particularly those of the Arctic murre, which lays an egg almost as large as a hen's. But

those eggs are available only for a few weeks each year in the land of the Eskimo. The natives soon developed a taste for egg powder. This year scientists of the national health department worked out a bank mix that would provide a balanced diet with just the right amounts of egg and milk powders added. Native women probably thought the new mix wonderful. City women often find prepared pancake and pie-crust mixes better than that which they stir up themselves. It saves much time. However, Eskimo men say the new offering is too expensive and their women can produce just as good bank by mixing it themselves. The new ship, the C. D. Howe, completed its first trip to the Arctic last Saturday. The dentist in the party had a busy time filling cavities in natives' teeth. Arctic experts say Eskimos who eat only seal meat have good health and sound teeth. It provides a balanced diet. But the native must get tired of seal meat all the time and once in a while, he likely tells the little woman in the far north to get busy stirring up a batch of bank with plenty of egg and milk powders in it. He will relish the change even though his teeth may not stay sound so long.— Ottawa Citizen.

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