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than confusing the players and rendering the judges immune to any magnanimous impulse.

This is not to suggest, however, that amateur players should keep away from difficult themes. The more difficult they are, the more stimulating they are to creative thought and skill; and that, of course, is one of the great functions of drama. As a rule, they don't win trophies.

A word about the Calvert Trophy, which goes to the winner. This award, not received too well at the time it was introduced to Canadian drama, has now become a fixture in our culture. At the same time, there must be many Canadians who are still unconvinced about its over-all value.

The Government of Canada sends a great sum of money annually to far-off, under-privileged places of the earth to help build sound economic and cultural institutions. It is a good cause; no reasonable person would like to see it abandoned.

During this civic centennial year plans are under way for developing public interest and increasing membership in the Prince Edward Island Historical Society.

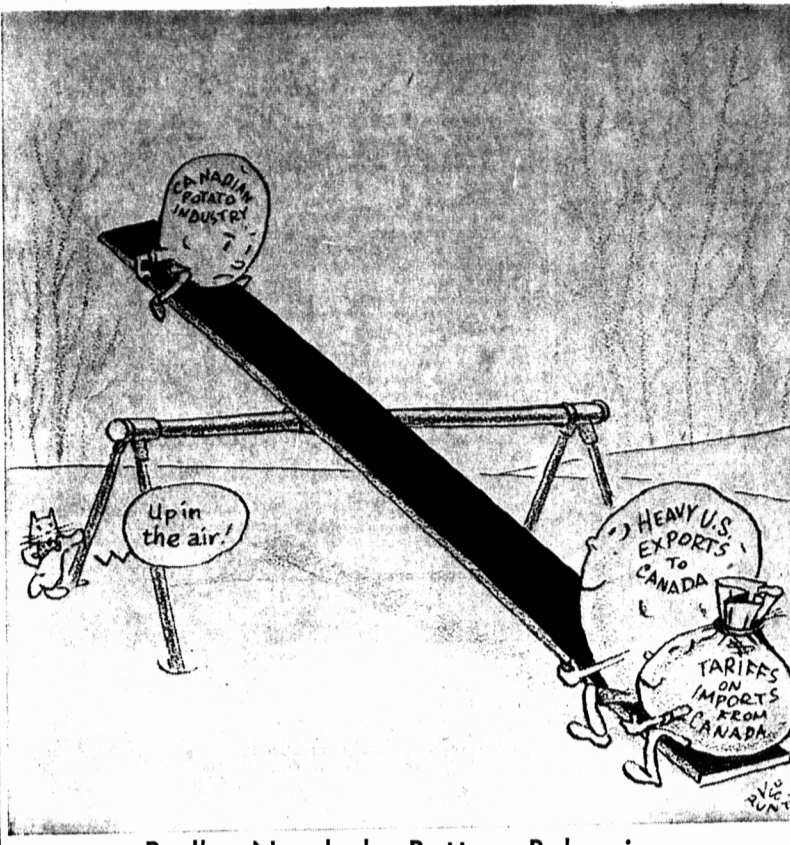
The present demand for life insurance as a means of achieving financial security was strikingly shown by figures quoted by Mr. L. L. Lang, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of Canada, at the company's annual meeting yesterday.

Mr. Lang suggests that there is a moral to be drawn from the fact that 1954 was noteworthy, not for what happened but for what did not happen.

The director and players of the Little Theatre Guild are to be congratulated on coming out on top in the Regional Drama Contest.

Fires have taken a heavy toll in recent weeks in various parts of the Province. The loss of the Town Hall in Summerside is particularly to be regretted, as it will seriously handicap town officials in their administrative duties until a new hall can be erected.

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PUBLIC FORUM

MORE HOME THOUGHTS FROM ABROAD

Another letter which I found of more than usual interest was captioned, "Christianity in Britain." Perhaps the great interest it held for me was due to the fact that in 1917, when on a brief visit to Prince Rupert, B. C., I became acquainted with Dr. and Mrs. Grant who were strong believers in Anglo-Israelism.

From my very earliest recollection Bobby Burns had a place of honor on one side of our combination sitting-room and dining-room mantel, and probably was there long before my entry into this earthly sphere.

My thoughts re the Burns celebration take me back across the miles and the years to our old home and that sitting room which was really our living room, especially in winter.

There have been some quite interesting letters in the Public Forum of late. They never let up on the late Mr. John Dewey—a much maligned educator!

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NOTES BY THE WAY

While a slightly larger proportion of those polled think the teachers are fairly treated or too well treated, there has been no drastic reversal of public opinion, a substantial proportion of which, though not a clear majority, still favors more generous treatment.

A member of Admiral Richard E. Byrd's antarctic expedition said that sailors on Byrd's ship organized a couple of football teams and whiled away the long hours playing on an improvised gridiron.

Dogs are thought of as being among man's most faithful friends—or at least some dogs. There are, of course, those dogs who will pick up with anyone who will make a bit of fuss over them and feed them.

There's another reason you parents are sometimes to blame for your baby's refusal to eat certain foods: If you or any members of your family show a dislike for a particular food in the baby's presence, your youngster might decide then and there that he doesn't like it either.

Reverting to the national figures, in 1949 when the last previous poll was taken, 40 per cent thought the teachers salaries too low, compared with 30 per cent in 1955. Then, 39 per cent considered them adequate, as against 43 per cent now.

Don't try to force him to eat any foods or give him too much at one time. Don't shout, punish, scold or plead with him to eat. Don't entertain him at mealtimes by singing or talking to him or by any other means.

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Medically Speaking

HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D. BABY SMARTER THAN YOU THINK Your baby probably is a lot smarter than you think. Now it may seem like a pretty stupid trick to you for someone to refuse to eat. But often that is precisely what your baby does just to get a little more attention.

It's a big mistake to try to force your youngster to eat when he's not hungry, or to give him more food than he should have simply to make him gain weight quickly. Frequently such a practice will lead to a lot of trouble.

The baby will resist your efforts. He will refuse to eat. Naturally, you aren't going to stand for that, are you? You'll scold him or you'll praise him in an effort to get him to eat. Either way you'll make a big fuss over him.

As I said, a baby is much wiser than most parents think. He will quickly sense that he gets attention by not eating. And all babies like attention. The next time you try to feed him he's likely to spurn the food again for the same reason.

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QUESTION AND ANSWER L. H.: What would cause pain and soreness in the lower part of the back? Answer: Pain in the lower part enough to write her "Seven Days A Week" with its bits of philosophy, humor, fine recipes, etc.

POTATO ORGANIZATIONS Sir,—In your issue of February 2nd appears a letter from Mr. Eldon Drummond relative to the Potato Producers Association of Prince Edward Island.

When we approached the government as a representative group of potato producers we were told by the Premier that to be recognized as a marketing organization, to what we consider the most important branch of our farming operations.

TOUR NON-POLITICAL LONDON (CP) — A projected Conservative party tour of Canada this year would be a non-political fact-finding venture, a central office spokesman for the party said Thursday.

THE POET'S CORNER MAN'S TREASURE In these small comforts man has made for man He takes delight; a shelter from the rain.