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EDITORIAL NOTES

Tonight the political campaign for a successor to the late lamented Hon. H. Cox opens at Morell.

Summerside seems determined to have a museum to collect and protect articles of historic interest rather than its' being one.

An U. K. exhibitor at last May's C. I. T. F. in Toronto, has since received orders totalling \$30,000 for expansion type cuff-links designed and boxed to the Canadian taste.

Nurse Helen Macdonald of the Canadian Pilgrim will take her place with Nurse MacLean of the Dunnollor Castle as Island heroines. It is noteworthy Nurse Macdonald served their last supper (afternoon tea) to the Pilgrims.

Korea, according to early accounts, has a delightfully temperate climate. That it seems to be behaving abominably recalls other great losses of public confidence, as in Sunny France.

The late Charlie Meikle over whom the grave closed at Summerside yesterday, was in his heyday, perhaps the best known and popular railway man travelling between the Island and the mainland. No excursion party was complete without him, and he had always a bright and cheery word for travellers en route. On one occasion when a party was travelling to Toronto shortly after the Prohibition election of 1927, a Liberal member was enjoying the cup that cheers, when Charlie greeted him with the significant remark, "Prohibition is great, isn't it."

Margarine makers in the U. S. A. are not experiencing the increased sales predicted when Federal taxes on the product were removed last July. Even in the 33 states where the yellow spread is now available consumers are not rushing to buy it, reports the National Association of Margarine Manufacturers. One explanation is that the industry has made all the easy converts it is going to get and the confirmed butter eaters are going to be hard nuts to crack. Competition is getting tougher and stepped-up advertising campaigns offering premiums are appearing in the picture.

"Food in Canada" reports that "seafood in plastic cans may be found in the food-wave of the future. The feasibility of packing chilled or frozen food in plastic containers was discovered by a student of the University of Washington School of Fisheries (Seattle, Wash.). This student put some oysters in a transport plastic container, placed them in a freezer, and when he took them out, six months later, he found them in perfect condition. Visioning the commercial possibilities of the plan students of the fisheries school have exported several shipments of chilled crab packed in plastic to the Hawaiian Islands, successfully. It is planned to construct a machine for doing the packing work, it is said."

Perhaps the best kind of "floor" for potatoes would be advertising of the right sort. There must be many thousands of people who do not know that Island potatoes are the best in the market bar none. It was this reputation for high quality that created a market among Toronto retailers in preference to Ontario grown. Similarly with cheese. The publicity campaign has resulted in a huge increase of sales in the Canadian market. Our eggs too are now independent of the British market—thanks to advertising. All successful businessmen attribute their good fortune to the judicious use of advertising's artful aid.

John Bright, British statesman and orator, born this date 1811 and died in his seventy-eighth year; son of a Quaker cotton manufacturer, while in the business he took an interest in public affairs at York, and after a foreign tour became a prominent member of the Anti-Corn Law League, and entered Parliament in 1843. Four years later he became member for Manchester and advocated Free Trade. From then on, he led the Radical forces in Parliament, and was their principal orator; the public platform advocating advanced legislation. He was taken into the Liberal Cabinet in 1882, but on account of his being a Quaker he found himself unable to support the British policy in Egypt and the Sudan; he resigned, and thereafter joined the Unionists in opposition to Gladstone's Home Rule Policy. Notwithstanding his reputation for eloquence enjoyed over a long period of years, only one extract from his many speeches is recalled today: "The Angel of Death has been abroad throughout the land; you may almost hear the beating of his wings."

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.

"PRINCE EDWARD ISLE ADIEU!"

Sir,—Mr. J. A. Gillies did well to resurrect the lyric with the caption (above). He must have saved it for a long time. The writer knows positively that it was written quite some years before the turn of the century—presumably shortly after the P. E. I. railway was completed. It is quite evident that Mr. Gillies had (and still has) the "poetic soul". The "farm boy" writer was none other than the sweet Island bard Larry Gorman. It was dictated to yours truly in 1907 by James (Maxim) Thibodeau of Miminigash Run and lost recently by fire. Mr. Gillies agrees with the sentiment expressed in the poem and regrets our status as the "poor orphan" of Confederation, but there's little use in repining and recrimination—what's done is done and would be hard to undo. In the present state of the world it is better to belong to "one big union". I am, Sir, etc. JAMES PENDERGAST, Kensington.

TOPICS MORE PROFOUND

Sir,—When the hours of leisure present themselves, I take great pleasure and much educational benefit from reading your columns. The space allotted to public questions interests me very much. On many occasions I have found that Mr. J. A. Gillies has put forth his thoughts into words; he no doubt has that right and it is very well qualified to exercise it. I feel that we in the rural centres owe him a debt of gratitude for the stand he has always taken in the interests of the primary producers of the fair lands of P. E. I. In my pioneer stage of putting my thoughts on paper and into words I fully realize that I am not qualified to enter into any controversial correspondence with such an outstanding, highly esteemed gentleman as he, nor do I wish to do so; yet I am at a loss to know why Mr. Gillies keeps in such shoal waters. I think I have read nearly all that has dropped from his inkwell in recent months. He has advised us on many questions ranging from how we should feed Jr. to when we should market the pet hog, yet he has not taken up anything of a very deep nature.

I would invite him to launch into the deep and give us his views on such questions as who holds the wealth of the land, and who controls the medium of exchange, and whether the figures supplied by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on the cost of living are correct or not. He might also tell us whether the democratic form of government that Abraham Lincoln knew still exists. There are many other enlightening topics that we who walk the rich red furrows in the twilight of 1950 are anxious to know about, and I should be glad to hear of them.

In conclusion I feel that I should tell Mr. Gillies not to be afraid to write on any of those subjects. If he happens to get into too deep water, I feel that we, the pioneers, will come to his assistance—if not by brain maybe by brawn. I am, Sir, etc. A FORT AUGUSTUS PIONEER

OUR LOST HANDS

Sir,—Like a bursting bomb in Korea the global expansion of the Soviet slave-state system at long last grips every democratic mind. While the fact itself now stuns clearly seen, the cause is not yet grasped by all, nor is our best defense fully utilized. Russian rule is a slave system, controlled and perpetuated by force alone. With modern communication as efficient as this, such a system cannot co-exist indefinitely with the democratic system since the slaves will always strive for the freer way of life outside their barriers. The Soviet slave system must therefore expand or perish. An ultimate decision between these two systems is thus inescapable.

There are at present some 8 million refugees in Western Europe, victims now of democratic apathy and targets of Communist propaganda. Some of these have been uprooted by war, some have been expelled from their native lands, and others have fled their slave-states at the risk of their very lives. All of them have sought refuge with the International Refugee Organization, and some have been placed in bursting camps in France, Germany, Austria and Italy. Here they find, that contrary to the expressions of freedom and democracy given out from democratic sources, there is little or no hope at all of their escaping from the turmoil of Europe to democratic nations across the seas, since present Western immigration schedules of refugees are sickeningly low, a tragedy which sears the soul of any hope and rots the mind with bitterness.

In these camps they find, that while Democracy is something merely spewed from radios, Communism is on the ground, and active. Paid Soviet agents in every camp, stir up vice and crime, in an effort, all too successful, to create an erroneous impression in the democratic mind that all refugees are an immoral, worthless lot. The I. R. O. states that in their frustration, bitterness, and utter defeat some of these refugees, since there is no hope of emigration and they can but slowly starve where they are, return to their slave states personal bearers of the truth that Communism for once is right and that the democratic radio is merely another mouthpiece for lyric propaganda, far worse than the Communist voice in fact, for now there is no hope at all. How many dollars worth of propaganda are needed to counteract

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the words of just one such emigrant?

Let a new, bold policy of immigration be grasped by every non-European democracy. Let the democratic nations emphasize this message: "We will take every man, woman and child who has the courage to leave their chains behind. We will settle all those who flee the slave-state in a free country, where they will have an opportunity to work, and live in the democratic way of life."

Then, if this is backed up by action, you will see a withering up of Communism in Europe, and eventually everywhere. Can we ask for better immigrants than those who would risk their lives to come to us? Many of these people are the finest farmers, artisans, to be found anywhere. We need their help. Can we afford to lose these hands to Communism? Across Canada there are 35,000 deserted farms, other thousands of acres of misused land. Let the Government buy this ground, subdivide it into small co-operative homesteads and settle there all those who will farm. Give them long term, low interest loans for equipment and seed.

Let the Government select suitable sites, and settle there, as co-operative communities all those who cannot farm, the professional men, the artisans the laborers. Sons of communities could work on defense contracts, as a start; others could start up, under Government loans, newspaper plants, meat packing plants, plastic plants, breweries, aluminum and stainless steel fabricating plants, electronic equipment plants, for the demand for such products is insatiable.

Let this huge undertaking be financed by a public bond issue. This will be a test of public support. Here is a plan, and there may be others, but the project is surely not beyond the ability and capacity of a country that has spent billions for war.

Above all, get these people out of teeming, seething Europe now. Put them in our vacant Army camps, in tents, until their final destination

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

FERRY WHARF CASE

"On Saturday last the judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of Bourke, appellant, and Murphy, respondent, relative to the Charlottetown Ferry, was delivered by Mr. Justice Peters, before whom the appeal was tried. The case touched on the right of the wharfing at Minchin's Point wharf to demand wharfage from boats systematically ferrying people for or without hire, and imposing a tax of a shilling a head for passengers landed from such boats."

"The respondent claimed wharfage dues from the appellant for landing and taking away persons at and from the said wharf, and for the boat, pursuant to the following regulation by the Governor-in-Council: "Any boat or vessel employed or used by any person or persons, except Henry Pope Welsh, the present licensed ferryman or licensee of Hillsborough Ferry opposite Charlottetown, or his successors therein, in systematically ferrying for or without hire, passengers, horses or vehicles over the said Ferry, and landing or taking off the same from the said wharf, to pay the rate of one shilling for each and every passenger, cattle, horse or vehicle landed on or from the said wharf, and also the rate of two shillings and sixpence for every time such boat or vessel shall touch at or land passengers on said wharf, to be paid by the

is arranged. This must be done to relieve the free European economies now staggering under this load and to protect these people from Communist agents. I am Sir, etc. R. C. QUITTENTON 2379 Danforth, Toronto, Canada.

Notes By The Way

A fruit vendor in Sheerness, England, is looking sourly at the much-valued British scale of justice. He was fined two pounds because he had faulty scales. Not that he was short-changing his customers, mind you. He was giving every customer 17 1/2 ounces for every pound they paid for! The court ruled that inaccuracy either way constituted "unjust weight."

The rash of week-end hunting accidents, some of them fatal, ought to sound a warning to local sportsmen who are planning to take off November 1 in search of deer-hunts. High-powered rifles, which come into most use during the "big game" season, cause terrible tragedies when placed in the hands of boys who think too little about the safety of their companions during a hunt. They have a licence for the gun and a licence to shoot game. What more do they need? A recent statement of a specialist of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests that 85 per cent of hunting accidents are due to human carelessness should be their answer. A licence for safety. — From Sault Star

In countries where minority and nationality problems do not present themselves the citizen's duty is clear. He owes a strict and loyal allegiance to the states whose political jurisdiction coincides with the land and with the nation. For this privileged citizen civism and

parties owning or employed in working such boat or vessel." "The learned Judge went into the question fully as to whether the wharf at Minchin's Point was a public wharf or one devoted by the statutes to the use of the ferry, and after a clear elucidation of this point, and a comparison of the statutes with others of like tendency, came to the conclusion that it was a public wharf, free to all Her Majesty's subjects to land at or embark from. It was equally clear that no person could be charged with wharfage for either landing at or going from it. The judgment in the Mayor's Court was reversed. "This is a very important decision, and one that will have the effect of greatly establishing confidence in the integrity and firmness of the Judges of the Supreme Court. It will be a caution to the members of the Executive Council not to attempt to wrest the plain words of a general statute into the means of serving the purposes of an individual. It is the first time that we can remember of the Government and Law coming into collision, and we are proud that in the conflict, the latter has triumphed."

—Hazard's Gazette, June 16, 1866.

The Age-Old Story

For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. He staggered not at the promises of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded, that what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; but for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. —John Donne, (1573-1631)

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