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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew"

"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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Mexican Cattle To U.S.

An exchange notes that when Canadian cattle are admitted to the United States after the beginning of March, it will be the first time in more than ten years for Canadian and Mexican stock to be entering that market simultaneously.

Now it is assumed that both countries will be exporting again and there is a strong possibility that shipments will total three-quarters of a million head annually.

It is estimated that Mexico can now supply 400,000 head a year for foreign trade and an export quota for this number has now been authorized for 1953.

Rules Of Debate

Members of Provincial Legislatures are supposedly bound by the same parliamentary rules that govern procedure in the House of Commons.

"Mr. Speaker: Just before five o'clock the hon. member for Assiniboia rose to speak on the main amendment to the motion to go into supply and I raised the question whether a member, having spoken on the subject, could speak on the main amendment and the sub-amendment.

"Mr. McIvor: Mr. Speaker, as one of those who has done a lot of listening, I was thinking that enough has been said.

Parliamentary procedure is simply rules of behavior to prevent abuses of power, and to give equal rights to the participants in debate.

Irrigating Saskatchewan

One very large water development project for Saskatchewan is so much in the public eye at present that there seems danger of losing sight of a water conservation program that has been going on steadily and quietly in that province for nearly 20 years.

The present program of saving water in Saskatchewan and the drier regions of the other Western provinces dates from April 1935, when Parliament passed the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act.

community irrigation schemes, the primary purpose of which is to assist livestock and dairy production. The largest of them is the Swift Current project, being built in sections; when finished it will comprise 25,000 irrigable acres.

Altogether, these community projects have brought about 135,000 acres under irrigation in Saskatchewan. In addition, many thousands acres are represented in the approximately 32,000 "baby" irrigation schemes on individual farms scattered across the south country.

These two phases of PFRA water development work are still far from completed. Unlike the big dam below the elbow of the South Saskatchewan River, there has never been any controversy about their economic and social value.

Coronation Review

Among the many colorful features of the Coronation will be a Naval Review which the Queen, accompanied by Admiral of the Fleet the Duke of Edinburgh, will hold at Spithead on June 15.

While the actual composition of the Fleet will naturally depend on the Royal Navy's commitments at the time, it is anticipated that the representation will be of the order of one battleship, eight aircraft carriers, 12 cruisers (including ships of the "Daring" class), 20 destroyers, 40 frigates, 18 Fleet minesweepers, 30 submarines and about 62 other vessels.

Invitations have been sent to the Commonwealth Governments for as full a representation of their navies as possible, and foreign naval powers are being invited to be represented by one ship from each country.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, first Sunday in Lent.

Tomorrow is the birthday of the late Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Scout and Guide movements. The first Chief Scout for the world brought adventure into the lives of countless youngsters and did much to prepare them for the great game of life.

The Government's search for good quality rock fill is paying off even before rock suitable for a causeway has been located in quantity.

In a strikingly imaginative Monthly Letter the Royal Bank of Canada quotes this observation: The most important thing in life is not to capitalize on your gains.

Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, died this date 1851. Her father was author of "Rights of Women" and one of the first protagonists of female rights in England.

Much costly unplanned development could have been avoided had the boundaries of Charlottetown included the newer areas being built up during the past ten years.

Hint For The Federal Government

GIFT SUGGESTIONS



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.

RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES

Sir.—Now that the matter of telephone service is again brought before the public, we must admit that some of the forty-two rural telephone lines in the Province have fallen into a state of disrepair and, at the same time, we agree that others are still going strong and giving good service.

The whole rural system needs a little brushing up to bring it to the mark and in that regard I would suggest a course of action that could, if made effective, bring about an immediate improvement in the indifferent service in some cases now being supplied.

- (1) Supervision by the Government through the medium of legislation such as a Rural Telephone Service Act. (2) A uniform Act of Incorporation be authorized for use of all rural companies. (3) An adequate depreciation reserve fund to be available when required for reconstruction. (4) A Short Course on construction and repair for maintenance men. (5) A Provincial Board be set up for educational and business purposes. (6) A central depot through which telephone material may be readily procured.

I am, Sir, etc., BRUCE JUDSON, Alexandra.

The Age-Old Story

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? ... And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. ... And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. ... And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life. ... In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return.

Notes By The Ways

Three in a row in Southern Alberta since the beginning of the year is a mighty good batting average for oil discoveries in any country. Since January 1, we have had Eyremore, Enchant-Retail and now Grassy Lake. — Lethbridge Herald.

A controversy has arisen in the states over the cost of the defence department's coffee-roasting program. Many ex-servicemen will be surprised to learn that army coffee is roasted; the popular idea was that it was swept up. — Edmonton Journal.

It is quite customary for the people of Britain to smile in the face of adversity. About 150 years ago, Arthur Murphy, an English writer, said: "The people of England are never so happy as when you tell them they are ruined." — Oshawa Times-Gazette.

Use of our frozen rivers as roads has the authority of old custom, but never a Winter passes without tragic losses of life in the Ottawa area through motor vehicles breaking through the ice. — Ottawa Journal.

In preparing coffee, the same hand which draws the bath or waters the garden should not be the one fill the percolator. That hand should have the delicate touch of the musician, the restraint of the diplomat, the competent

Old Charlottetown

FORGED TREASURY NOTES "A forgery upon the Treasury issue of notes has just been handed to us, which we deem it our duty to notice for the caution of the public. The forgery of the names of A. Lane, John Brecken, and J. Spencer Smith, Commissioners; and T. H. Hayland, Treasurer, is so clumsily executed as to make it appear surprising that they should have escaped the notice of the most casual observer. Only five 10 shilling notes have yet been discovered. The blanks, which are evidently the same as the good notes, are supposed to have been purloined during the operation of printing. The first batch of Ten Shilling notes was printed at London, but a second impression was struck off at Charlottetown long since. We are disposed to think that the extent of this forgery has been nearly ascertained, as no great quantity of blanks could have been abstracted without exciting suspicion." — Royal Gazette, Sept. 11, 1832.

sureness of the airline pilot. Pouring water into the percolator is no job for the amateur, and the pity of it is that so many amateurs still try it. — New York Times.

The press reporter may make mistakes at times, for no person is infallible — and when one considers the amount of news which he is called upon to handle, and the limited time the newspaper man has to verify facts, it is nothing short of surprising to note how accurately the news is presented from day to day — but there is one respect in which he never fails. He never betrays confidence and he never neglects to approach his task in a spirit of the utmost fairness and accuracy. His own existence and the existence of his newspaper depends entirely upon his dependableness in all circumstances. — Moose Jaw Times-Herald.

The Poet's Corner

THE BRAVE OLD OAK A song to the oak, the brave old oak, Who hath ruled in the greenwood long; Here's health and renown to his broad green crown, And his fifty arms so strong. There's fear in his frown when the sun goes down, And the fire in the west fades out; And he showeth his might on a wild midnight, When the storms through his branches shout. Then there's to the oak, the brave old oak, Who stands in his pride alone; And still flourish he, a hale green tree, When a hundred years are gone! — Henry Fothergill Chorley.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer

WASHINGTON AND THE REVOLUTION

Our good American neighbours are getting ready to observe the 221st birthday anniversary of their Patron Saint and the founder of their Republic, George Washington of Westmoreland County, Virginia. We in Canada do not observe his natal day but, like the rest of the Free World, we honour his memory.

While he happened to be born on the banks of the Potomac, Washington belongs to the world; his place is among those few select ones, representing practically every nation, whose greatness is reflected in the advance of freedom throughout the world.

This does not mean that Washington was a hero in the sight of all Americans following the Revolutionary War. As a matter of fact, as he went about the difficult task of drawing the blue-prints of a new nation, he was subjected to much abuse by many of his countrymen. Some of his most intimate associates regarded him as Brutus regarded Caesar, as being ver-ambitious; probably for the same reason, envy. His natural "historical" manner was sometimes mistaken for "blue consciousness," and there was more than a suspicion that he was secretly "committed to the establishment of a American dynasty. Like his kind everywhere and at all times, he was a ready made target for the demagogues. Absolute honesty and disinterested statesmanship have often been suspect in the course of human history, and they were in Washington's day.

It is a curious fact that great souls have always inspired either intense admiration or intense dislike. There seems to be no "via media" in their reputations. That was the lot of Washington and that was the lot of Lincoln. In English history it was the lot of William Pitt, William Gladstone and David Lloyd George. In years to come—say fifty years from now—Winston Churchill will be numbered among the eternal ones. And yet it is safe to say that no man living or dead has had more unkind things said about him.

In this country the classic example is the late Prime Minister King. No man was ever more admired by some and more hated by others. The Bible has something to say about such matters. "Ye build the sepulchres of the prophets and your fathers killed them!" The analogy is not exact. I know, but there is the same general idea.

Looked at more than 150 years after the event, the American Revolution appears as one of the chief events in the story of man, as indeed it is when considered in its accumulated results. At the time it was regarded by most English people, including king and the majority of Parliament, as a relatively unimportant incident. This may be one reason why efforts to stop it were, on the whole, weak and half-hearted. The American colonies were at the bottom of the list of English interests abroad. In an economic sense they carried little weight and, politically, their potential importance was of course undreamed of.

There were some, however, England who saw in the unrest of the Colonists a social and political development of far reaching significance. Nor were these all on the side of the prevailing opinion. William Pitt was definitely pro-American. "I rejoice," he said, "that America has resisted. Three millions of people so dead to the feelings of liberty as voluntarily to have become slaves would fit instruments to make slaves of the rest".

And about a month before the war broke out Edmund Burke said in Parliament: "The question is not whether the American spirit deserves praise or blame, but what in the name of God, shall we do with it? If you wish to please any people, you must give them the boon which they ask, not what you many think is better for them. My idea is to admit the people of our colonies into an interest in our Constitution".

What would have happened in this advice had been heeded by the king and those "vulgar, mechanical politicians," whom Burke mentioned in another part of his speech is a question which none can answer. The hand of destiny works in many ways. It is not likely that the personality and political character of George the Third had much to do with the course of other events in the American Revolution or the course that led up to it. It would seem that great historical movements have a way of pursuing their courses without much regard to human personalities that happen to be involved.

From all accounts George the Third was a novice in political administration. It must be said, however, that it had not been long since executive power had begun to pass from the Sovereign into the hands of a small group known as the cabinet. George the Third happened to be caught in the interim period and it may be that some of his alleged bad judgments were due in part to this uncertainty regarding his changing constitutional prerogatives and powers.

The historians, including some eminent American ones, have been coming round to the view that when all is said and done the third George was not a bad sort of ruler. More than fifty years ago Paul Ford, who was then quite prominent in the field of American history, wrote:

"In his private life George the Third exactly fulfilled the popular ideal of a good ruler. In an age when society was recklessly dissolute, he was chaste in conduct, temperate in diet, simple in manners. While irreligion abounded he kept a virtuous home, whose days, beginning with family prayer, were passed in laborious performance of duty. He was a good man although he was a bad ruler".

Coming from an American, that is a magnanimous appraisal. It is possible that George Washington, who has been called among other things "the greatest Englishman of all time," would have said something very similar, for his quarrel was not with George the Third or any other individual, but with the political irresponsibility towards minorities which was then the fashion.

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