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New Government Leader

The mantle of Government leadership in this Province has fallen, by choice of yesterday's Liberal caucus, upon the shoulders of the Hon. A. W. Matheson, Minister of Health and Welfare in the Jones Cabinet, whose long experience in the House, and in the administration of his present department, should prove of great value in enabling him to discharge his new duties. Competition for the leadership was keen, especially from the supporters of the Hon. W. E. Darby, others in the running being Hon. Eugene Cullen, Hon. Dugald MacKinnon, and Messrs. William Hughes and W. F. A. Stewart. In the interests of the Province, it is a matter of satisfaction that the issue has been decided so promptly, and that the new administration will get under way without any interregnum.

Hon. Mr. Matheson has frequently filled the post of Acting Premier and is thoroughly familiar with its requirements. He has also had the great advantage of having served, in his earlier days, as Clerk of the Legislature, and has acquired a knowledge of legislative procedure which is unsurpassed by any of our parliamentarians. Another important advantage is his pleasant manner and ability to discuss political issues without undue heat or bias. His speeches in the House of late years, reviewing the various activities of his department, have been models of their kind. We have fortunately been getting away from the oldtime partisan bickering and harangues to the galleries, and no one has set a better example in this respect than the newly-chosen leader. We may expect that he will follow this course in future, as the one best conducive to the despatch of business and in keeping with the temper of the times.

Like all governments, the new administration will sooner or later be judged on its merits at the polls. Its political balance sheet will then be scanned, both for achievements and for sins of omission or commission. In the meantime, it is well to remember that the demands on governments today are out of all proportion to what they were a few years ago, and that the burden of leadership has become correspondingly heavy. It is indeed no easy task to which Mr. Matheson now addresses himself. Public appreciation of this fact will lighten his labors in many ways, and encourage him to give his very best in the interests of all our citizens. We wish him every success in this respect, and congratulate him most warmly on the high honour to which he has attained.

Eyes In The Deep

The roving "eye" of the television camera has opened a new world for exploration, far under the surface of the sea, according to Dr. Gerald Wendt, writing for Unesco. Equipped with powerful lamps, the television camera can be lowered more than a thousand feet (three or four hundred metres) into the depths, far beyond the reach of human divers. Here it can observe the ocean floor, the plants and animals, or the wrecks of sunken ships, and show them instantly on viewing screens aboard the ship or even ashore. It is a flexible, long-distance eye that extends the power of vision into new worlds, just as the microscope and the telescope do.

This new type of vision was first spectacularly used in 1951 to find the bulk of the British submarine Affray, lost in the English Channel in waters too deep for divers. The floor of the Channel is strewn with sunken ships that can be detected by modern methods of echo-sounding. But to identify any particular wreck it must be examined in detail. The Royal Navy Scientific Service lowered a television camera from the deck of H. M. S. Reclaim, connected it by cable with a viewing screen on the bridge, and took a close look at the long-submerged ships far below. For more than 300 hours the television lens searched the bottom. Suddenly upon the viewing screen appeared the name "Affray" as clear and sharp as if seen directly. Every detail of the submarine could be studied.

"Frog-men" with motion picture cameras have revealed details of the abundant marine life in shallow waters near the shore. But they can stay under water only for minutes at a time while the television camera can stay submerged indefinitely and descend into very deep waters without any risk to human life.

Dairy Set-Aside

The sum of \$400,000 is the 1953 objective of the Dairy Farmers of Canada for the June set-aside. This will be the fourth year of the set-aside by producers, of one cent per pound butterfat for publicizing Canadian dairy products to Canadian consumers, and this sum has never yet been reached. Nevertheless, it is based on only 80 per cent of the possible amount estimated on the basis of June, 1952, milk production.

In previous set-asides the western provinces, according to secretary-manager Eric Kitchen, Toronto, have averaged 90 to 100 per cent of their potential, except for the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan in 1951, when trade difficulties reduced collections. The average for Ontario and Quebec during the past three years has been consistently low by comparison. In 1952, Mr. Kitchen says, Ontario collected about 62 per cent of its potential and Quebec slightly more than 40 per cent. The Maritime Provinces varied from 25 to 70 per cent, with New Brunswick leading.

Mr. O. J. W. Shugg, director of publicity for the Dairy Farmers of Canada, calls attention to the fact that new and abnormal conditions affecting the dairy industry at the present time, make it essential that the advertising and public relations programs be expanded, to secure a greater frequency of impact on the public. The co-operation of all dairy organizations and of individual producers is requested.

Canada Review

The first number of a Canadian weekly published in London has made its appearance. The "Canada Review", Roy H. Thomson's latest contribution to journalism modestly mentions on its masthead "complete Canadian Press news and picture service" and will be published every Thursday in England. Its purpose, according to an editorial signed by the publisher, is to remedy the situation of the Canadian story being known to all too few. No publication in the United Kingdom, it is stated, is devoted to Canadian news and information. Established periodicals and newspapers publish little of Canada's day-to-day story.

As is not unusual in the newspaper world, there seems to be a slight difference in approach by the different departments. An advertisement by the circulation people proclaims that the "Canada Review" is a thoroughly Canadian newspaper especially edited for Canadians living abroad.

Canadians in England will, of course, form the backbone of the paper's early circulation but it is to be hoped that the publisher's intent of telling the English people about Canada will not be forgotten.

The Guardian wishes Mr. Thomson and the "Canada Review" well. It is no light undertaking to break into British journalism, although Canadians have been notably successful by becoming more British than natives of the United Kingdom. It will be interesting to see how one makes out determining to remain Canadian.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Congratulations are in order for the Nato airmen who today receive their wings at the R. C. A. F. Station, Summerside.

For the next three weeks school inspectors from all ten Provinces will themselves attend school at the University of Alberta. The unique course for Canadian educationists is intended to meet some of the problems of the larger areas of school administration.

The responsibilities of office have caused President Eisenhower to change his mind about the desirability of reducing taxes, at least for the time being. He has discovered, like Napoleon, that one can't make an omelette without breaking eggs or find security in a dangerous world without paying the shot for preparedness.

Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, was born this date 1780. She was the daughter of a Quaker banker, John Gurney. She devoted her life to endeavouring to alleviate the condition of those who suffered imprisonment. The conditions, especially in the women's prisons, were terrible but her persistence ultimately aroused public interest and resulted in a measure of reform.

A ticket is just a piece of paper to most people but it is sufficiently important in carriage by air to warrant international conferences. At present the matter of tickets, baggage checks and air waybills are largely governed by the Warsaw Convention of 1929. A revised Convention was drafted in Paris last year and is expected to be adopted at Rio de Janeiro this August. The Convention limits and defines the liability of carriers in international air transportation.

Clean-Up Thoughts



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.

ADDRESS APPRECIATED

Sir.—A few evenings ago I had the pleasure of attending a lecture or report, as the speaker modestly termed it given in Afton Hall by Mr. Edwin Johnstone on a trip to Mexico, which he, in company with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Avara of Charlottetown, had enjoyed during last summer. There were beautiful colored slides shown also a short movie film on the (?) sport of bull fighting (fascinating apparently to the thousands of onlookers, but to us rather a cruel thing.)

This lecture, delivered in an easy and entertaining manner by Mr. Johnstone without reference to notes throughout, was held under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of New Dominion United Church, so the proceeds, needless to say, were for worthy causes, but the attendance was regrettably small. However, those who were present thoroughly enjoyed this informative account of Mexico, given at first hand by one who had actually been there. Not many of us are given the opportunity to travel far from our native land but Mr. Johnstone in a very interesting way, endeavored to give us a glimpse of the people, manners and customs of Mexico, together with pictures of their very different scenery, trees, flowers, fruits, etc., and personally, I enjoyed all of it very much.

Just why more people were not present is a good question. Surely our capacity for enjoyment need not be limited to a program consisting for the most part of silly jokes (often more than a little off color), or loud blatant music soaring over a loud speaker. True, a dance was not advertised, but surely this too is not essential to a good evening's entertainment of a different sort occasionally. We cannot but feel that in this instance, the absentees were the losers, and missed a real opportunity to learn something about a land so different from our own.

Mr. Johnstone refused to accept any remuneration for the time and trouble involved in coming to our hall and this generous gesture on his part is much appreciated. He and his party are to be commended for making it possible by means of pictures and a retentive memory to share with others their varied experiences while travelling through a portion of this continent so little known to most of us. I am, Sir, etc. AN INTERESTED LISTENER.

CANADA AND THE WEST INDIES

Sir.—It seems like a glad dream that there is a possibility that the West Indies should some day become a province of Canada. The West Indies is one of the most romantic portions of the world, a dream land for beauty and fertility. These islands are the peaks of a sunken range of mountains running across the Caribbean Sea from near the United States to within seven miles of Venezuela in South America. The scenery in each of these islands is as varied and as intrinsically beautiful as in any city garden. We call P. E. Island the Garden of the Gulf. Here in the West Indies each island is indeed a garden.

Vegetation runs riot. A tall tree dies in a remarkably short time, it is laden from bottom to top with a mass of vines. The building and furniture woods are varied and beautiful. Cedar, purpleheart, balsa, mahogany and a dozen others are used and marketed. The climate is delightful, warm in the day time, cool at night but never cold. The trade winds from the east are always blowing. The dry season lasts from June to December, and then the rainy season, during which rain falls, some nearly every day, and

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

NEW CATHOLIC CHAPEL

"The Roman Catholic Chapel in this Town having been found, for some time past, much too small to accommodate the congregation who so devoutly worship in that place, the necessity of a strenuous and united effort being promptly made to remedy this inconvenience was pointed out to the congregation on Sunday last, by the Rev. Fr. Reynolds, Parish Priest, followed up by an appropriate and forcible appeal, in which the Rev. Gentleman urged upon his hearers the propriety of immediately commencing a subscription towards the object contemplated. This appeal was responded to with a liberality, which some of our Protestant brethren would do well occasionally to imitate, the sum of \$24 having been subscribed in the course of a single hour. We understand the proposed building is intended to be erected on the site of the present Chapel, and is to be 120 feet long, and 60 feet wide. The estimated costs of erection is said to be about 1750."

—The Colonial Herald, Dec. 10, 1842.

sometimes all day. In British Guiana they have an annual rain fall of 90 inches, a great rubber growing country. Snakes? Yes plenty of them. Scorpions and centipedes but keep your grounds free from brush and you'll not be bothered. Occasionally one will crawl into your house but keep your eyes open as you go about and no harm will come. I have been stung by scorpions many times but no more harm than a sharp pain. But I have known some pretty bad cases.

The great majority of the people in all these islands are Negroes, the descendants of slaves brought over from Africa to cultivate the cane and cocoa. They are very law-abiding and loyal to Britain. Among them and living very happily together are probably a million East Indians, descended chiefly in British Guiana, Trinidad and Jamaica. These people have made excellent farmers and are enterprising and progressive.

These islands with British Guiana are forming a federation with St. George in Grenada as the capital. The harbour there is

The Poet's Corner

FROM MESSMATES

It's a dead dark watch that he's a-keeping there, And a long, long night that lags a-creeping there, Where the Trades and the tides roll over him, And the great ships go by. He's there alone with green seas rocking him, For a thousand miles around, He's there alone with dumb things mocking him, And we're homeward bound. It's a long, lone watch that he's a-keeping there, And a dead cold night that lags a-creeping there, While the months and the years roll over him, And the great ships go by. I wonder if the tramps come near enough, As they thrash to and fro, And the battleships' bells ring clear enough, To be heard down below; If through all the lone watch that he's a-keeping there, And the long, cold night that lags a-creeping there, The voices of the sailor-men shall comfort him, When the great ships go by. —Henry Newbolt.

LONDON (GP)—Many Britons were in no hurry to pick up their new ration books for meat, bacon, butter and cheese for the next 12 months. When the distribution centres closed, more than 10 per cent of the 50,000,000 ration books were still uncollected.

probably the most unique of all harbours, being an extinct crater of great depth.

The addition of the West Indies, would add about six millions of people to our population. Would they be inclined to emigrate northward? A few of the more enterprising, perhaps. But they are very contented where they are. Living conditions are not difficult. Fish and fruit are plentiful.

I am, Sir, etc. W. I. GREEN Stanley Bridge.

Advertisement for "Coronation" Diamond and Wedding Rings. Features an illustration of a woman and a man, and a large diamond ring. Text includes: "Coronation" DIAMOND AND WEDDING RINGS. One of a series by Blue River. A crowning achievement in craftsmanship... proudly presented to be worn and cherished for a lifetime. See these magnificent Blue River "CORONATION" diamond ring creations at various prices. G. H. TAYLOR JEWELLERS FOR FOUR GENERATIONS

The Passing Scene

By Observer

USEFULNESS AND EXPERIENCE

It sometimes happens that those who are enthusiastic about some particular human quality or asset allow their enthusiasm to lead them into error. As an example of what I mean I quote the following sentence which appeared in a certain newspaper (not an Island one); "Usefulness and experience are synonymous terms." I believe the writer himself would agree, on a second thought, that that is an error. A venial one, perhaps, but an error just the same.

No one in his senses would deny the potential and normally the actual, value of experience. It is not only a good teacher, as the saying goes. It is also one of the fine assets of life. And it is a tragedy, both social and economic, that men are often retired from their jobs and relieved of responsibility just at the time when their long experience has made them especially useful, for no reason at all except that they have reached a certain age.

At the same time it needs to be said that experience is not the only thing that can make a person useful. In fact, experience has been known to impair a man's usefulness in some particular field. It may, sometimes does, give rise to complacency, smugness, and the withering blight of the routine manner, all of which tend to create something entirely different from usefulness.

Again, experience does not always and inevitably bring wisdom. Abraham Lincoln once said that he had never known any man who was not wiser today than he was yesterday. That, being interpreted, meant that Mr. Lincoln knew a lot of men for whom he had no use. The truth of the matter is that men with a great deal of experience have been known to do some very foolish things.

It will also be admitted that quite often people with little or no experience manage to render useful, and in some cases distinctive, service. The novice may lack the finesse of the expert, but in enthusiasm and will to succeed he can usually hold his own. The muses do not always bestow their best gifts on those who have borne the burden and heat of the day. Genius frequently touches the

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for various lawyers and accountants. Includes: MacPhee & Trainor, Chas. R. McQuaid, Frederic A. Large, J. S. Taylor, J. A. McGuigan, Bell, Mathieson & Foster, J. A. Carruthers, R.O., Allison M. Gillis, L.L.B., Byron J. Grant, O.D., H. R. Doane & Company, and McDonald, Currie & Co.

The Age Old Story

I the Lord search the heart. I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. . . All that forsake the shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters.