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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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Monetary Policy

Canada's post-war monetary policy was fully described recently by Mr. Graham F. Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada at a hearing of the Banking and Commerce Committee of the House of Commons.

Monetary policy seems to consist of discouraging consumer buying when a lot of people want to buy; encouraging capital expansion when a lot of people were suddenly looking for new jobs; lowering the market price of Government securities when the banks wanted to liquidate them in the prospect of greatly expanded civilian business; increasing interest rates when there is a great demand for borrowed money; and when businesses propose large capital expansion using bank credit to "suggest" to the chartered banks that it was undesirable for capital expansion to be financed in that way.

All of this adds up to a consistent aim of achieving "stability". The Governor of the Bank of Canada is in the position of one standing at the pivotal point on a seesaw ready to shift his weight to compensate for any change in weight or position of those sitting at either end.

Soviet Farm Troubles

There is every sign that the crisis in agricultural production in the Soviet Union is far graver than it appeared to be a few months ago when the first signs of trouble became visible to the outer world, and that the new agricultural programme launched last autumn has failed to bring about any marked improvement.

It was only when Krushchev reported on the situation in September and announced the new programme that the seriousness of the situation began to be apparent. Overall production had only increased by 10 per cent since 1940—not sufficiently to keep pace with the growth of population and far less than had been expected as the result of mechanization and of scientific methods.

The new programme was characteristically sweeping. Not only were there to be more incentives for the peasantry; 100,000 agronomists and experts were to be sent to the collective farms to bring about improvements. 10,000 new tractor drivers were to be enrolled. Orders were given that the growth of herds must be hastened.

teers had arrived to find that there was no organization and no organizers. They had insufficient equipment and even insufficient clothing. The prospects of getting those 6 million acres under the plough this year were clearly nil.

And then came from Krushchev himself the more startling admission or accusation that not only the Kazakhstan project but the whole new programme was being mis-handled by the "executives in charge," including Benediktov, Minister of Agriculture, and Koslov, Minister for State Farms. Krushchev may well be anxious to avert being held responsible for another spectacular failure.

Commonwealth Air Plan

Plans for changes in Commonwealth air services extending round the world have been announced by the U. K. Ministry of Civil Aviation. The Ministry states that following the Civil Aviation Conference at Christchurch, New Zealand, on October 14 and 15, 1953, decisions have been reached on the realignment of air services in which the Governments of the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand are jointly interested.

Under the new arrangements, Qantas Empire Airways and the British Overseas Airways Corporation will continue in parallel partnership on the Kangaroo route. Qantas Airways will operate services to the United States and Canada, connecting with B. O. A. C. at San Francisco when B.O.A.C. extend their North Atlantic services to that point.

The trans-Pacific services of the British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines (owned jointly by the Australian, New Zealand and U. K. Governments) which were originally proposed are to be taken over by existing Commonwealth airlines. Australia will take over the services between Australia and the North American mainland and these will be integrated with the Kangaroo service and operated by Qantas. Tasman Airways, which will be owned equally by the New Zealand and Australian Governments, will operate the services between New Zealand and Australia and between New Zealand and Fiji.

EDITORIAL NOTES

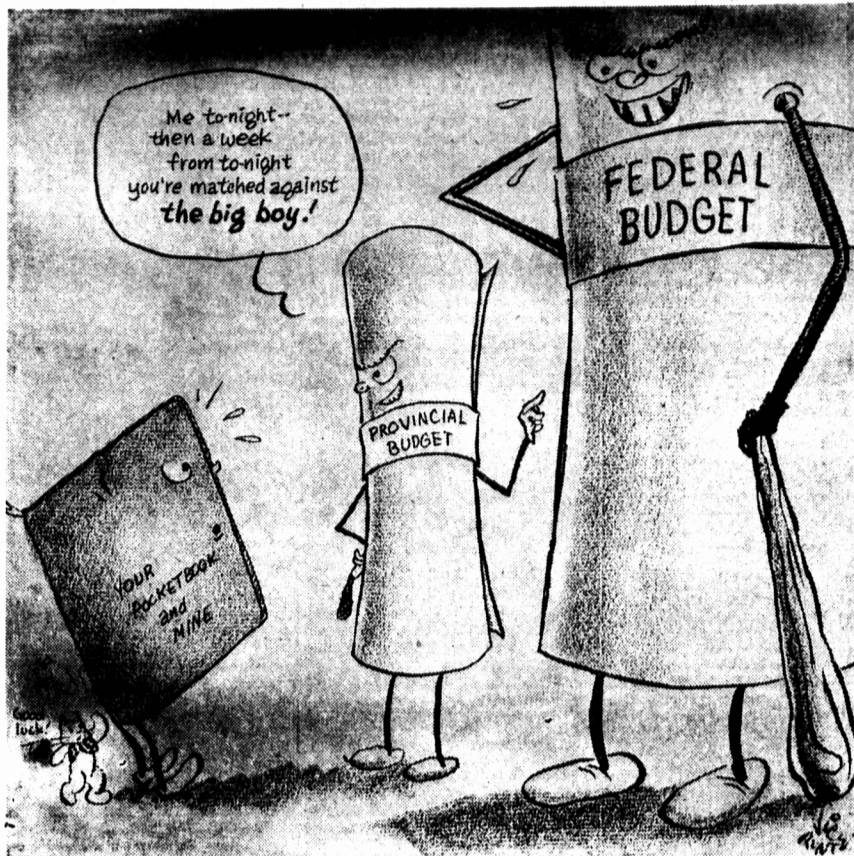
A spokesman for Mohammed Naguib says that the Egyptian president "bowing" to the people's will should remain in power and that the election of the promised constitutional assembly will be called off. It would seem to be not so much a case of bowing as of cutting it dead.

The late Harry G. Southam, who until a year ago was publisher of the Ottawa Citizen, made many contributions towards Canada's all-round development. Chief, of course, was the great newspaper he published and which has been carried on by a son, Robert W. Southam, since his father's retirement. It is such men who create the traditions that help to make a country great.

Paul Verlaine, French poet, was born this date 1844 at Metz. He chose French nationality in 1873. His early paganism, inspired by the paintings of Watteau, was superseded by devout Christianity after his imprisonment for shooting at the poet Rimbaud. He gave French poetry an entirely new and original music and broke away from the stilted Alexandrine verse to combine the power of sound with deep emotionalism.

Bringing down the Budget used to be the key event of the entire session of the Legislature. Provincial taxation, however, no longer looms so large in the eyes of electors and consequently Budget Night has less of drama than it did some years ago. The Hon. Walter E. Darby has always made an admirable presentation of the financial situation and it can be expected that even if fireworks are lacking there will be much of interest in tonight's proceedings.

Wrestling Schedule



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.

CANNED LOBSTER PRICES

Sir.—A letter signed by Messrs. Jones, Weismann and Company of Boston, Mass., regarding canned lobster prices in your issue of March 25th, has been of interest to us.

While the letter no doubt states a Bostonian truth rather than contains an insinuation that P.E. I shippers are receiving too much for their canned lobster, we think that your correspondent has lost sight of a very basic law in merchandising. We are not going to elaborate, but we would quote the following editorial appearing in the March issue of Canadian Food Industries under the heading, "So Coffe Is Up!":

"Skyrocketing coffee prices have not zoomed off into space without opposition. Reasonable consumer reaction has been a cutting down of coffee consumption. However, there has been some unreasonable reaction too. Some groups in that country to the south have even clamoured for a Senatorial Investigation into the whole coffee picture. Have people forgotten that basic moving force in our economy? Does the law of supply and demand mean nothing to our people? We are told, and are too far from the growing areas to check personally, that a killing, from the world's carefully controlled acreages in Brazil, have left the world coffee market short. There isn't enough coffee to go around at the old price. So the price goes up and the demand slackens off. The higher price stimulates more production. The supply goes up. The price comes down. The demand increases. Is there something weird or awful or sinister about that?"

We think that this sums up the situation better than we could regarding the prices of merchandise whether it be coffee, canned lobster, or potatoes. I am, Sir, etc., S. H. BURHOE, M.L.R. The J. W. Windsor Co. Ltd. Charlottetown.

THE WORLD'S HUNGER

Sir.—There was an editorial pace cartoon in The Guardian of March 20th, that is painfully suggestive of the world's hunger. We here in Canada have such abundance every day that we forget that half the world are hungry all the time. Every day 70,000 are added to the world's population, every week half a million to be fed. In one hundred years time the population of the world will double. Where is food to come from? Economists do not know. As far as can be seen at present food cannot be produced. Birth control is suggested but that presents difficulties. New methods of agriculture must be adopted. Stop the robbery of erosion. Annually, in the U. S. 500,000 acres are lost through erosion, and here in this little Province 4800 acres are lost to agriculture, annually, and all over Canada soil is being depleted. Unless some new method is adopted soil cannot last.

The suggestion is made that sea fertilizer be used, and that supply is endless if it can be harvested. The great secret of a crop is to keep the weeds down and the soil nourished with wholesome fertilizer. No cheap way has yet been found. In many parts of the world agriculture can be improved. All over India and China crop yield can be greatly increased by better methods. In India the British Government has redeemed many million acres of desert land by means of irrigation. And India through religious prejudice harbours three million useless cows, giving no milk and eating the grass that could feed three million profitable cows.

The time is coming when we shall be compelled to be more

Lawrence of Arabia

Wilfrid Eggleston in the Winnipeg Free Press

Lawrence of Arabia is in the literary news again. Richard Aldington, we are told, is bringing out a life which "will certainly cause more than a flutter in the devotees."

The same source (a bookseller's bulletin) says that Aldington was commissioned to write a biography of Lawrence of Arabia "and only realized after months of research that he was faced with a mass of contradictions between Lawrence's statements and the proven truth."

I have not seen the life, of course, and do not know whether the conclusion is justified that "it proves one of our favorite childhood idols had feet of clay and was in fact as much charlatan as hero."

It will hardly be news that much of the publicity about Colonel Lawrence at the time of his exploits was erroneous. A Canadian essayist, Sir Andrew Macphail, writing as long ago as 1928, analysed what he called "the myth about Lawrence of Arabia."

At the same time he praised in the loftiest language the literary achievement of the material which eventually saw full publication as "Seven Pillars of Wisdom." No degree of "debunking" can take away a gleam of glory from that outstanding literary masterpiece.

The story of Colonel Lawrence in Arabia was given first to the world through the showmanship of Lowell Thomas, who did a Hollywood treatment of his subject under the title "With Lawrence in Arabia."

Some of the absurdities of this treatment were exposed by Robert Graves in 1927, in a book entitled "Lawrence and the Arabs." Sir Andrew Macphail lists some of the corrections of Graves. In the first place, Lawrence was not

careful of our soil. It is all we have, and it must support us. Can nothing be done about our weeds? All over this Province there is a fearful mass of weeds and every now and then, I see a new weed springing up, robbing the soil. A weedless field is a great triumph for the farmer.

One hopeful discovery has been made in recent years, viz. the agricultural resources of the Amazon Valley, which is nearly as large as the United States and the most of which is suitable for agriculture. It is said that with careful conservation this territory can support a billion people. This is probably an exaggeration. Large areas of that territory are not suitable for ordinary human habitation. However, it opens up an inviting prospect for a hungry world.

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

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Notes By The Way

This is the season when small boys suffer from class hatred. Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

—A lady we know who has been the same age for several years accuses a car leader of being deceitful just because he set a speedometer back.—Sheldon (Iowa) Mail.

A pilot plant has been established in Holland to make fertilizer from sea water. Norwegian and Dutch scientists are working at the plant. It is hoped to produce 1,600 tons of potassium fertilizer from sea water during the first year. —World Farm News.

Followers of hockey fear the game will become extinct because of the roughness of play. But on the other hand it might produce a new game with players increased in armor like knights of old.—Toronto Star.

General "Mike" West, who commanded the Commonwealth division in Korea, recalls with pleasure some words he once heard a Canadian officer use. The Canadian was on the extreme flank of the division's front; on their right an allied unit belonging to another division was holding positions on top of a hill. One night there was a flag, and this unit carried out an unauthorized withdrawal. Next morning General West visited the Canadians and asked whether the withdrawal

had been carried out in good order. "Good order!" said the officer to whom he had addressed himself. "They came down that hill so fast their cigar-butts looked like tracer bullets."—Strix in The London Spectator.

Americans spend twice as much money for alcoholic beverages as for education, charity and religious purposes combined. Hardly a record to be proud of. Put it this way: Americans spend \$17,000 a minute for alcohol. They spend \$8,500 a minute for all schools, churches, welfare agencies and charities. If we spend twice as much for drinking, it may be time to do a little thinking.—Wisconsin Agriculturist & Farmer.

Science at last has gone too far. It has overstepped the mark in the production of a water pistol which will propel a thin stream of liquid with such velocity that it will penetrate four inches of quivering human flesh. The atom and the hydrogen bombs were all very well, but this seems just too much. When one thinks of the devastation of which sub-teenagers are capable already with the ordinary water pistol, nothing short of a shudder will express one's reaction to the concept of such a pistol. Despite the best efforts of the FBI and the RCMP, tommy-guns and automatics find their way into the hands of those who should not have them. It seems inevitable that these super-water pistols will eventually be marketed. There'll simply have to be a law.—Montreal Gazette.

The Poets Corner

DUCKS

When God had finished the stars and the whirl of coloured suns He turned His mind from big things to fashion little ones. Beautiful tiny things (like daisies) He made, and then He made the comical ones in case the minds of men Should stiffen and become Dull, humourless and glum: And so forgetful of their Maker be As to take even themselves—seriously! Caterpillars and cats are lively and excellent puns: All God's jokes are good—even the practical ones. And as for the duck, I think God must have smiled a bit Seeing these bright young blinks on the day he fashioned it. And He's probably laughing still at the sound that came out of its bill!

—F. W. Harvey.

the details of publication. No doubt Richard Aldington will straighten all these matters out in a reasonably final way. Not, perhaps, that it matters much. Nothing we could now learn about William Shakespeare would alter in the slightest the value and impact of the great plays. Lawrence of Arabia's part in the military campaigns of World War I may be reappraised and set in its perspective, but it is impossible that anything Aldington will write will dim in the slightest the lustre of Seven Pillars of Wisdom.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

WINNING BATTERY

"We are pleased to learn from the last Canadian Militia Gazette that No. 2 Battery, G.A., has again won the general efficiency prize in competition with all the batteries of the Dominion, making 135 marks out of a possible 148. The inspection was held by Lieut. Col. Irwin in August last. The competition consisted of manual and firing exercises, company and gun drill, discipline and interior economy, and the examination of officers and non-commissioned officers in question pertaining to artillery matters.

"The officers and non-commissioned officers are: Captain, J. A. Longworth; Lieutenants, F. W. L. Moore and John H. Bell; Sergeants, Thomas Dover, Augustus Down and A. Alley; Corporals, Albert H. MacNeill, L. E. Prowse and Lewis Collins.

"No. 1 Battery, G. A. did splendid work so far as they went; but owing to the absence of two officers, were unable to compete successfully." —The Examiner, Oct. 31, 1888:

The Age Old Story

Which one of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

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