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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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Activities At Ottawa

Overshadowing the official opening of Parliament today will be the visit to Ottawa on Friday of United States President Eisenhower and the special joint sitting of both Houses in the House of Commons on Saturday to hear an address from the President. Both in his own right and by virtue of the high office he holds in the neighboring Republic, this distinguished visitor will be a welcome guest on Canadian soil.

Indications are that the members of Parliament will face a heavy legislative program at the coming session, which is expected to run on at least to the end of May, with short recesses at Christmas and Easter. Encouragement of new housing by increasing the amount of mortgage money available, the decennial revision of the Bank Act, and adoption of a new Criminal Code for Canada, are expected to head the list of legislation.

The session starts with the Liberals holding 170 of the 265 seats. The Progressive Conservatives have 50, CCF 28, Social Credit 15, and there are three Independents, two Independent Liberals, and one Liberal-Labor member.

From this Province Senator Jones will be taking his seat for the first time in the Upper Chamber, and Mr. Neil Matheson as Liberal member for Queen's in the House of Commons. Mr. Matheson and his Conservative colleague Mr. J. Angus MacLean are both comparatively young men, and while they are on the opposite sides of politics there is no reason why they cannot work harmoniously and effectively in the interests of their County.

Meat Price Trends

The trends of both cattle and hog prices this year are cited in the current livestock products review issued by the Industrial and Development Council of Canadian Meat Packers, as a concrete illustration of how markets react to changed conditions of supply in the face of continued keen domestic demand.

For pork the situation has been just the reverse. Hog marketings up to the end of September were nearly 21 per cent smaller than a year ago, with the decrease in the summer quarter alone about 30 per cent compared to 1952.

It is certainly highly questionable, says the review, if any "forward price" for hogs fixed at the beginning of the hog marketing year last October, or even at the be-

ginning of the present calendar year, would have provided producers with as high an average market return as that they have received this year under a flexible price system. It is also apparent that the stable floor price for hogs which was in effect for almost the whole of 1952 did not prevent many farmers from cutting down on production, which explains the current shortage of market hogs.

Meat processors and retailers, in company with farmers, are not particularly happy about erratic and drastic changes in livestock and meat prices, with the resulting possibility of substantial inventory losses. At the same time the meat trade is highly competitive and, in order to keep the wide variety of meat products flowing smoothly through consuming channels, frequent price adjustments are inevitable.

Bermuda Conference

Inconsequentially enough, the problem facing Prime Minister Churchill, President Eisenhower and Premier Laniel when they meet in Bermuda early next month is very definitely a continental one. Two years ago France proposed the creation of a European Defence Community but France herself has never ratified the agreement, nor have Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands or Luxembourg.

The United States is vitally interested in having life breathed into the E. D. C. because there is probably no more effective means of consolidating the defences of Russia's western neighbours. N.A.T.O. is a powerful instrument but cannot be expected to maintain the land forces needed to provide adequate security against attack.

The Big Three meeting is in no sense a substitute for the Big Four gathering advocated by Sir Winston. It cannot tackle the problems that keep the world divided between Communist and non-Communist factions. All that can be expected of it at best is the strengthening of the European bastions against possible Communist aggression.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The report that Soviet aircraft plants will turn out 200,000 streamlined baby carriages next year may or may not prove to be true. It indicates, however, that emphasis is being placed in the Soviet Union on attempts to supply consumer goods.

To be the only Canadian Province not having a modern airport operated by the Department of Transport is an undeniable distinction for Prince Edward Island and one which Mayor Stewart, the Charlottetown Board of Trade, the Provincial Government and our Federal Members are trying to have rectified.

Legion proposals that Veterans' Land Act aid be extended to those wishing to build on city lots in addition to "small holdings" in rural areas have much to commend them. The present act has served a useful purpose but there are many veterans whose jobs or inclinations do not permit them to be part-time farmers but who are anxious to build their own homes.

The trucking industry is not unanimous in either advocating or opposing Federal control of inter-Provincial highway transport. On one hand there is the fear that Federal control will deprive them of advantages against railway competition. On the other hand the Canadian Automotive Transportation Association wants Federal regulation to control unlicensed operators in inter-Provincial traffic.

Remembrance Day was observed generally by our local merchants as a statutory holiday but apparently it is only in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia that this observance is in effect, although in most other Provinces banks, schools and government offices closed for the day and church parades and special services took place on Sunday.

Elizabeth Cleghorn Gaskell, English novelist, died this date 1865. Both her father and her husband were Unitarian ministers. She became famous on the publication of her novel "Mary Barton" in 1848. The book depicts the life and feelings of English manufacturing townspeople.

At Dickens' invitation she wrote a humorous serial, "Cranford." Her other novels include, "Lizzie Leigh", "Mrs. Harrison's Confessions"

Recess Is Over



Four Senators and four M.P.s from the Island, Your Prevalence!

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.

COMMUNISM AND THE SWORD

Sir,—Ultimate victory over Communism lies not in force of arms but in the triumph of ideas. We but in the think of Communism persistently of force. Ever since its inception in 1917 it has been manifesting itself as force. Lady Astor, sitting beside Stalin at a party one evening, turned abruptly and asked him: "When are you going to stop killing people?" He answered: "Just as soon as it is unnecessary. Soon I hope."

Force cannot win. Ultimately, it must be defeated. "They who take the sword shall perish by the sword." This law has been demonstrated in history hundreds of times. The nations built up by force and subsisting on force have disappeared. In the realm of penology force is singularly ineffective. Strictness, mingled with mercy, regard for the person, is the newer and more effective method of curing criminals.

The Government of Russia is probably more afraid of their own people than they are of any other combination against them. They have been bullied until they have become sick of it. From free nations the truth of their slavery is seeping through. Fear of the Russian people themselves may save us from war.

Communism feeds upon poverty and unrest. Peace and plenty have no place for this pernicious system. If Korea can become a real democracy, its people clothed, fed and contented, more millions will move southward and leave Communism stranded. Many lessons have taught Russia that Communism is a failure, or are their minds closed to all teaching? It will be too bad for Russia and for the world if they cannot learn before complete disaster strikes them. Russia is too great a nation to be destroyed.

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

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

LENNOX ISLAND HAY

From a public notice in the Royal Gazette, Jan. 13, 1835, under the signature of John Prendergast, Prendergast Park, Lot 10, on behalf of the proprietors:

"Such persons as have been taking Hay away from Lennox Island, of late years, and that have not yet settled their Accounts, are hereby required to lodge with me their Notes of Hand forthwith, for the same, payable to David and Robert Stewart, the city of London, Esquires, or otherwise Law proceedings will be instituted against them immediately; and it is strictly forbidden by the proprietors, that any one whatever do cut or take Hay away from Lennox Island, in future, as they mean to reserve it for the accommodation of such settlers on Lot

Notes By The Way

Hard workers smile the most on your toes you're not down in the dumps.—Sudbury Star.

"A stick of unexploded dynamite was found in the car."—From a news story. Did anybody ever find a stick of exploded dynamite?—Kingston Whig-Standard.

A Wisconsin husband walked out on his wife merely because he saw her grinding up glass and putting it in his hamburger. There's just no use trying to cope with the over-suspicious.—Hamilton Spectator.

There was a trial recently at Chatham of 31 teen-agers, and the presiding magistrate expressed himself as shocked when he heard of their conduct at a two-night party. At the hearing, there were only three parents present, concerned about the jam their youngsters were in. There should be a law! When a teen-ager has to go to court, there should be a joint summons on the parent or parents.—St. Catharines Standard.

It is hard to see why, with approximately fifty-eight million females 14 years or over in the United States, the Post Office Department should be confronted with a deficit. For if every female in that group were to write only two letters per week, affixing a three-cent stamp to each, in the course of a year the stamp sales therefrom would amount to \$180,960,000. As every male knows, however, the weaker sex writes more than two letters per week; just how many more no one can say, but surely the total is one that boosts stamp sales and postal revenues.—New York Times.

We suggest that those of you who haven't been driving in the country recently do so right away. If you don't you'll be missing some great sights. For instance, near Picture Butte, Taber, or Raymond you can see gigantic piles of sugar beets, one of which is so large that it takes about five minutes to walk from one end of it to the other. And you'll see piles of grain on the ground, too, so many of them that you won't be able to count them.—Lethbridge Herald.

How many people knew that Sir Winston Churchill once drank the most expensive glass of water in the world? When he addressed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1949 it was the biggest wireless "hookup" for a long time. Near the end of his speech Sir Winston took a drink of water. He is deliberate in water-drinking as in other things and the end of his speech was delayed by almost a minute. The broadcasting company rather than cut him off, let him overrun his time, cancelling the "commercial" due to follow him. To compensate the advertiser and the cost of the commercial show they had to pay \$7,500. "And serve them right," one can hear the opponents of sponsored radio mutter.—Manchester Guardian

In these days leisurely reading has many rivals. There are other activities that demand their share of the hours usually called "free" and often these activities are so tempting and clamorous for attention that reading does not receive the share of time it deserves. This is unfortunate, for good literature is peopled with characters who must be "met." These people—most of them imaginative folk—can exert quite an important influence on a person's thinking habits; they are important and unforgettable. If the seems exaggerated, think how much poorer in thought one would be if one had never met Jim Hawkins and Long John Silver in Stevenson's Treasure Island; Huckleberry Finn, Tom Sawyer, Scrooge and Robinson Crusoe. All these characters are vivid and once met

are never forgotten as long as life lasts. Their qualities are unique because they are the products of great minds. Because a great book gives an insight into the human mind and heart it is worth reading, and although it demands some effort on the part of the reader it more than repays it. If leisure time has value, some of it cannot be better spent than in exploring the world of great books and meeting the fascinating people that inhabit it.—An editor's for young people, Hamilton Spectator.

Over in England a retired naval commander has been fined £5 for trying to spank his wife with a walking stick, because she kept 14 cats in the house. A cat dozing beside the hearth is a familiar part of the English domestic scene, but £5—well, they tend to give an Englishman's castle the look of an animal rescue league shelter. The Admiralty, if nothing else, ought to appeal this old sea warrior's conviction, just to ensure that justice is done. This case illustrates the strange things men sometimes are asked to endure for domesticity. Some years back a diplomat who lived in this area was reconciled to the presence of snakes in the house. They were his wife's pets. But even that did not quite remove the feeling of surprise and alarm that came from stepping on a four-foot king or bull snake while tip-toeing upstairs in sockfeet at 3 o'clock in the morning. The choice between 14 cats and one snake is staked in favor of the cats, but still hard to take. Obviously, there ought to be a law.—Windsor Daily Star.

The Poet's Corner

WINDMILL WEATHER VANE

We brought it from Nantucket, shining new. The little windmill, tacked it on the trees. That winter when the blizzards roared it grew into a snowman, stiff white arms outspread; And later dripped thin swords of Damocles From the high ridgepole, till light winds of spring Caught in the lilacs, leaped out all the trees. Sent its sails twirling, joyous, racketing. Day-long it spins now in bright, breezy air, But when the night with all its stars leans down Over the yard, does it remember fair And far-off seas, the quiet harbor town, As we remember when we hear the deep Creak of its lonely turning through our sleep? —Sara King Carleton, in the New York Herald-Tribune.

GUERRILLAS DETAINED

TAIPEH, Formosa, (AP)—Only one plane load of Chinese Nationalist guerrillas from Burma arrived Tuesday instead of the scheduled three. Nationalist reports from Lamphang said Burmese authorities refused to permit 38 others to go, claiming they were Burmese natives.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer

"THE IMPENDING CRISIS"

A copy of an address bearing this title and delivered before the annual convention of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture last January has been sent to me by the P. E. I. branch of the Federation. It is a little late, to be sure, but this happens to be one of those documents which do not grow old with age and whose contents are always timely. Its author, Dr. Keenleyside, is one of the really top-notch observers of the current world scene as it is influenced by economic, political, and social factors. And, of course, his position as director of the Technical Assistance Programme for the United Nations adds weight to his opinions.

"The Impending Crisis" makes good reading and I am grateful to Mr. Dewar for sending me a copy. Its literary excellence alone would be sufficient reward for the time spent in its perusal but, of course, its primary purpose is not to give literary pleasure but to point out authoritatively the gravity and magnitude of the problems that plague humanity at this time. However, the presentation of any problem does not lose anything by being clothed in clear and lucid terms, aided by a sense of history and an attractive literary style. As I see it, one of the important highlights of Dr. Keenleyside's address is its reminder that the United Nations Organization is concerned with a good many things besides war and its prevention. In fact, war-prevention is one of the lesser functions which a war-torn world entrusted to that organization at the beginning of its life and work.

Its principal function is to create, or attempt to create, a world climate in which war would be out of place. And its record in this respect would seem to be the one on which its success or failure, thus far, ought to be judged. Feeding hungry people in some far-off Asian village or rendering technical assistance to primitive farm-workers in Central Africa may not be as spectacular as combating aggression in Korea. In the long run it may be just as efficacious in the promotion of world peace.

The very existence of the position held by Dr. Keenleyside when he made this address is proof that the U. N. O. has made a serious attempt to create such a climate. For the first time in human history prosperous nations—and some not so prosperous—have undertaken a program designed to better the condition of less fortunate peoples.

The motive behind this program was probably more political than charitable, but that does not detract from its value as a stabilizing factor in a world that needs every prop available to keep it from falling to pieces. There are times—and this appears to be one of them—when self-interest and

the charitable impulse can help each other. . . . We all have a vague understanding of the ignorance, poverty, and squalor in which millions of human beings have to pass their days. It is only, however, when somebody like Dr. Keenleyside who is in a position to know the actual situation, gives facts and figures, that the story of human woe is unfolded in all its terrifying significance.

For instance, one-half of the people in the world are totally illiterate. That is to say, they neither read nor write their native language. Again, over half of the people in the world are ill, and many millions of these must suffer without any hope of relief even of a temporary nature. And yet again, approximately three-fourths of the people in the world do not know what it is to have enough food.

As to various forms of injustice which makes up the social norm in large areas of the earth's surface, there is one paragraph in Dr. Keenleyside's address which deserves quoting in full: "A large proportion of humanity is affected by injustice in one or more of its manifold forms—slavery, peonage, forced labour, political despotism, legal corruption, and the whole ghastly spectrum of totalitarianism from Nazi and Fascist black to the flaming red of the Communist creed."

These are terrifying facts. There is no use in arguing that they are of no practical concern to us here. That may have been true a hundred years ago but it is certainly not true now. Science has made a "one-world" concept a reality. We may like it or dislike it but no one can do anything to change it. The grim prospect is that the issue of war or peace may yet depend not on the pronouncements of heads of States but on the question as to whether or not tens of millions of people in widely separated areas must continue to live—or attempt to live—in ignorance and destitution, the soil that breeds all sorts of wild disorders, including Communism.

The Age Old Story

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep, And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

AUSSIE EMBLEM

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