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Important Recommendations

There will be ample material for discussion by the Legislature when it meets on Thursday, in the recommendations made to the Government by the Economic Advisory Board. Chief among these recommendations are the necessity of urging upon the Federal Government that control and operation of the car ferries and terminals be taken from the Canadian National Railways and given to a Department of Government or to a Commission; that a fully documented report of our difficulties during the rail strike be sent to the Royal Commission on Transportation; that the double ferry service be maintained at Borden during the whole period of open navigation; that a study be made of the question of claiming damages from the Federal Government for losses incurred because of the tieup in the car ferry service, contrary to the terms of Confederation; and that the Federal Government be requested to allow this Province representation on the C.N.R. board of directors.

Other recommendations emphasize the encouragement of coastal shipping and study of markets to be served by this means; the Chignecto canal project; the encouragement of private enterprise to set up a truck clearing centre; a study by the Provincial Government of gasoline and oil storage facilities; and the need for improved methods in handling traffic congestion on the Wood Islands ferries.

It is not claimed that these recommendations cover all our transportation problems, but they provide a concrete 10-point programme which should be of value both to the Government and the Legislature in dealing with the vital question of maintaining uninterrupted communications with the mainland. First and foremost is the necessity of removing our car ferry service from railway operation and control. This has always acted as a hindrance in the pressing of our transportation requirements, and we can hope for no progress in other directions until the Dominion Government shoulders its full responsibility for the continuous maintenance of this service, as it is pledged under Confederation to do.

Diplomatic Blunders

General Douglas MacArthur's brilliance as a soldier has become somewhat tarnished by his unauthorized forays in the diplomatic field. Those forays concern Formosa, and Formosa, it is certain, stands for the moment as the powder-keg of Asia.

A popular misconception which has gained currency in Canada and elsewhere in recent weeks is that the United States is committed to the defence of Formosa, presently the stronghold of Chiang-kai-shek and the Chinese Nationalists. The fact of the matter is that President Truman, when he enunciated American policy vis-a-vis Formosa on June 27, intended something quite different. That policy was aimed not at the defence of Formosa, which does not lie within the defined perimeter of the United States sphere of influence in Asia, but rather at the "neutralization" of the area for the purpose of preventing a further spread of hostilities in the Far East. The United States Navy has, in effect, been charged with the difficult task of preventing the Chinese Nationalists and the Chinese Reds from reaching each other across the waters that separate Formosa from the Chinese mainland.

General MacArthur's tactless and unauthorized trip to the island stronghold, where he was photographed kissing the gloved hand of Madame Chiang-kai-shek sent shudders through every foreign office outside the Iron Curtain. And with reason. For if any single incident would provoke the Chinese Communists to further military indiscretions, including support for the North Koreans, it is anything which might lead them to believe that the western democracies were backing, even at this late date, the discredited Chinese Nationalist regime. General MacArthur's recent undelivered but nevertheless released speech has further aggravated the situation.

The fact that the Administration in Washington has chosen to cover up rather than to denounce General MacArthur's diplomatic blunders is understandable. For to do otherwise would have necessitated his replacement as Commander-in-Chief of United Nations, six United States forces in Korea. Nothing would have been more damaging to the morale of the forces op-

posing the Korean communists.

It is heartening to know that the Canadian Government recognizes the Formosan situation for the powder keg that it is, and is determined to use what influence this country has in international affairs to prevent the Far Eastern tension from blazing forth into a major world conflict because of the political indiscretions of the United Nations Commander.

Fisheries

One thing which puzzles visitors here is the lack of variety of seafoods, both in stores and eating places. In an island set down amidst countless varieties of fish it seems strange that we should be generally limited to a very small choice for eating. At the same time, Northumberland Strait lobster fishermen are finding that the catch is not up to expectations, either because of depletion or because the lobsters have been driven into deeper water.

It is obvious that both fishermen and dealers would benefit by greater diversification of their product. Yet to the consumer it would mean an actual saving in living expenses, the fish products being so much more economical than comparable meats.

It is, of course, the old story of the vicious circle. There is supposed to be no market except for standard fish products, and the housewife who looks for variety is unable to find it. We do not make use of anything like all our sea-food resources now but we would all be much better off for doing so.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow Emergency Session of the Provincial Legislature.

Halifax continues to imbed its obsolete street car rails in asphalt, probably out of consideration for future archaeologists.

It will be a busy time between now and Thanksgiving reorganizing Church, Scout, Guide and Service Club organizations.

If the weather proves unkind in Summerside again today the air force meteorologists had better look out for squalls.

The production of super-rabbits, which cannot reproduce themselves, by means of the use of colchicine should prove a blessing to Australia.

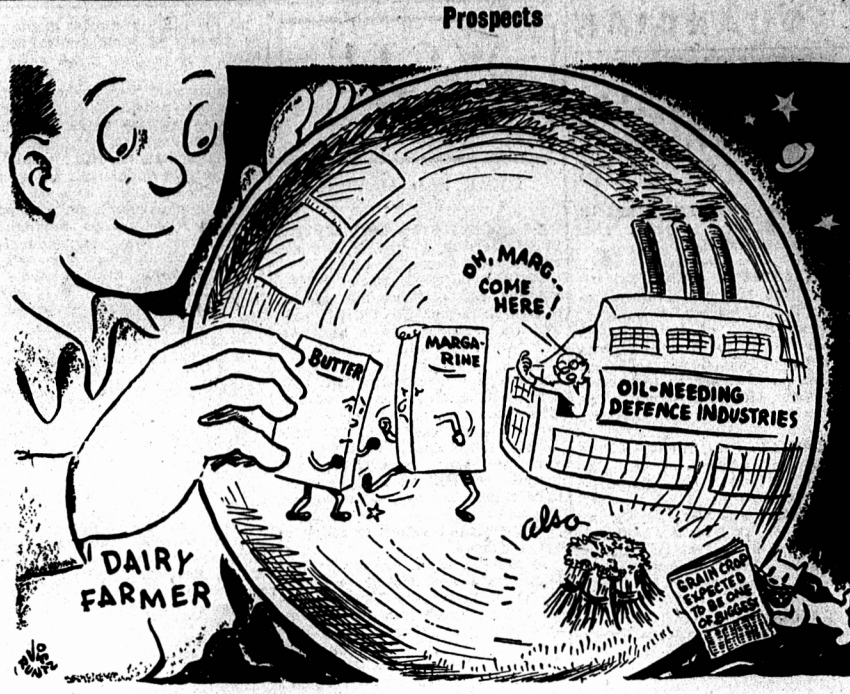
The increased interest in Parliament because of the recent railway strike has brought comment from Ottawa papers. It would seem that the standard of decorum of the visitors did not match their interest.

Advocates of restoring the Canadian dollar to par with the American would do well to reflect that it would have the effect of reducing the price of all imported goods by that amount.

Senate reform continues to receive lukewarm advocacy but the Senate is quite powerful enough to block any threat to its existence and the Commons will certainly not go far in building up a rival to itself.

Mr. P. Mordant Burroughs, of Epworth, Lincolnshire, has been appointed assistant professor in the classics department of N. B. University, and has arrived at Fredericton. Prof. Burroughs obtained his early education at Rossal, a public school near Blackpool, and then entered Christ's College, Cambridge, in 1938. He obtained first class in the classical tripos, part one, in 1940, and then entered the army. Invalided out in 1942, the young professor returned to Cambridge where he completed his degree in 1943. The new U. N. B. professor has had considerable experience in teaching the classics in English schools. In 1943-44 he was classics and English master at King's College, Taunton, Somerset, and from 1944 to 1946 he occupied the post of assistant master in classics at the City of Oxford School. Since 1947 he has been senior classics tutor at St. Augustine's College, Canterbury.

Ben Jonson, English dramatist and poet, died this date 1637. Educated at Westminster he began life as a bricklayer in his stepfather's employment. Afterwards enlisted in the army serving in the campaigns in the Netherlands. Returning to London he became a play actor, and playwright, but was arrested for killing a fellow actor in a duel; he pleaded "benefit of clergy", escaped death, but was branded and his property confiscated. His first play "Every Man In His Humour", which was staged about 1596 was taken over by Shakespeare and produced at the Globe Theatre—a bright play abounding in variety of interests. His best play is "The Alchemist." Of his songs, "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes" is still popular. He died in poverty and disease; his tomb in Westminster Abbey bears the inscription: "O Rare Ben Jonson."



Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

CENTRAL ACADEMY REPAIRS House of Assembly, Saturday, April 22, 1948:

Mr. Palmer moved that the sum of 64 pounds be granted for the making of certain necessary repairs in and about the Central Academy. Messrs. Thornton, Fraser, Moon, McIntosh and LeLacheur, in succession, opposed the grant, and principally, on the same grounds—namely, that as the Academy building had been erected and the institution endowed at the public expense, and that chiefly for the benefit of the inhabitants of Charlottetown to whom it afforded an almost gratuitous education for their children; and, as in the school districts in the country the school houses were erected, furnished and repaired at the sole expense of the subscribers of such schools, who for the support thereof received only very trifling allowances from the Government, so it would be only reasonable and just that the inhabitants of Charlottetown, and especially the wealthier portion thereof, whose children were receiving their education in the Central Academy should be compelled, by law, to provide means for the repairs of the building, if they would not do so by voluntary contribution or subscription.

Messrs. Palmer and J. Longworth represented that the building was not only public property, but the means of rendering the most important service to the whole community; and it was the duty of the Legislature and the Government to take care, so far as in their power, that the Academy building should not, more than any other public building, be allowed to fall into a state of dilapidation and decay. The hon. Speaker, although entertaining opinions in the main similar to those already expressed by some of the members who had opposed the motion, was decidedly of opinion that the building, so long as it should be considered public property, ought not, for the want of a legislative grant to effect needed repairs, to be allowed to fall into decay; and for this sole purpose he moved a grant of 40 pounds.

Hon. Mr. Coles agreed that the inhabitants of Charlottetown, who derived the chief benefit from the institution, were certainly the parties who ought to provide for the occasional necessary repairs of the building, which, he was further of opinion, might easily be effected by imposing a small annual tax—say of 2s. 6d.—on every pupil in the establishment, to be paid over and above the tuition fees. In the meantime, he would vote for a sum sufficient to effect the repairs which were then actually necessary. The question was then put on the hon. Speaker's motion for a grant of 40 pounds, which was lost on a division.

Mr. Palmer said he could not think that the House would refuse the paltry sum necessary for painting the roof and outside walls, and would move a grant of 32 pounds for that purpose. The question having been put on this motion, it was also negatived.

At a subsequent period Mr. Palmer moved that the sum of 18 pounds, 3s. 3d. be granted to discharge certain tradesmen's bills for repairs in the Academy building last year. On this motion, the committee was equally divided; it was, however, negatived by the casting vote of the chairman, Dr. Jardine.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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POTATO GROWERS' REORGANIZATION

Sir,—It is a long time since reorganization of the last of the old-time Provincial Co-operatives was first asked for. After much agitation action is to be taken Thursday of this week on a resolution passed at the last annual meeting of the P.E.I. Potato Growers Association, asking for reorganization under the P.E.I. Island Co-operative Associations Act. (P.E.I. Government regulations). To my knowledge this is the first time that a voting membership has been defined or a notice mailed which states who are eligible to vote, the purpose of the meeting, etc., and reasons which point out the penalty you pay if you vote in favor of the resolution (something which I consider should have not been put in a notice which merely was supposed to announce the meeting and its purpose). Since the time that the resolution was first passed some of the directors have repeatedly attempted to discredit the action taken at that meeting.

One of the principle contentions was that it wasn't the voice of the Potato Growers' members or those with sincere intentions but rather the voice of people with no other desire than wrecking the organization. Many small growers voted on the resolution who never before considered they had sufficient reason or that the issue was sufficiently important to warrant their attendance at an annual meeting, but when they did attend were treated and spoken of with very little respect.

Regardless of the outcome of Thursday's meeting, there will be the remembrance that on one occasion at least farmers not only insisted that they be heard, but have the added satisfaction of having had their word acted on. On the former occasion farmers attended from long distances and remained from noon until midnight and the only ones who regretted losing a night's sleep were those who were experiencing defeat for the first time since the growers first organized. The meeting Thursday night should be final and the last opportunity the small grower will have of saying yes or no at a time or place his voice will carry weight. The circular states—A vote against would mean that the present setup of the Association would continue. In plain words this means it would be a business planned and financed by the small growers for the convenience of the loaders, truckers, employees and the large growers who have always supported a policy that served their interests first, last and always, and who have been the principal opposition to the reorganization under the Cooperative Associations Act. Surely all farmers who believe they are entitled to vote will attend this meeting regardless of the sacrifice of time and rest lost and decide definitely the system under which they would like to operate. In closing I would like to add that great deeds of the past are only an influence and not a guarantee of prosperity in the future. I am, Sir, etc., R. E. CONNOLLY Dunstaffnage.

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The Poet's Corner

VOICES OF EARTH

We have not heard the music of the spheres, The song of star to star, but there are sounds More deep than human joy and human tears, That Nature uses in her common rounds; The fall of streams, the cry of winds that strain The oak, the roaring of the sea's surge, night Of thunder breaking afar off, or rain That falls by minutes in the summer night. These are the voices of earth's secret soul, Uttering the mystery from which she came To him who hears them grief beyond control, Or joy inscrutable without a name, Wakes in his heart thoughts bedded there, imperceptible, Before the birth and making of the world.

—Archibald Lampman, (1861-1890.)

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Notes By The Way

Fantastic as it sounds, the U. S. Air Force is experimenting with rocket-propelled "anchors" for planes to aid in landing on rough terrain. The anchor is tied to a steel cable wound around a drum. When the plane is about a foot above the ground the anchor is cast out and its rocket power drives it into the earth. Friction keeps the cable from unwinding fast. It's supposed to cut the space an aircraft needs to land in by one-third.—Newsweek Magazine.

Some kind of a controversy appears to have sprung up on both sides of the Atlantic as to the comparative status of wives and husbands in the United States and England. There are those who claim American husbands are hen-pecked. There are those who maintain that an English wife regards her husband as her lord and master. It reminds us of the old story that if one wants to be well treated, one must be a man in France, a woman in America and a horse in England.—Montreal Star.

A train whistle might well be Canada's national anthem. No matter where you are in Canada you're never very far away from it. It booms through the mountains of the Rockies, walls over the grain-surf of the Prairies and shrieks above the roar of the industrial East. It is a sound that bound Canada into a confederacy and is the symbol of her greatness. It is the song she sings as she grows.—Pembroke Bulletin.

The Age-Old Story When thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and He shall see the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied; by His knowledge shall thy righteousness be made manifest to many; therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great; and He shall divide the spoil with the strong.

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