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Dr. MacMillan's Retirement

As will be noted from today's news columns, Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, O.B.E., veteran leader of the Progressive Conservative Party in this Province, has tendered his resignation, thus paving the way, in democratic fashion, for a free expression of opinion on the question of future leadership which will be taken up at the forthcoming Provincial convention on June 27.

There is no question, however, as to the place which Dr. MacMillan will continue to occupy on the honour roll of public men in this Province, and in the hearts of our people of all creeds and political persuasions. As Conservative representative for Charlottetown since 1923, as Party leader since 1933, as Premier during a particularly trying period in our history and as leader of the Opposition, he has devoted the best years of his life to public service, and always with an eye fixed on vital matters concerning the health, welfare and education of our people. His voice has been raised, time and time again, in the interests of humanitarian causes, and of freedom and justice for all classes.

Now, having borne the heat and burden of the day, during a period of many adventures for his party federally and provincially, and at a time when the party prospects are brightening, he has decided to give place to a younger man. It will be for the convention to decide upon whom his mantle will fall, but in any case it will involve great responsibilities as well as opportunities. The new leader, whoever he may be, can do no better than take example from the sterling character and integrity of his predecessor.

Dr. MacMillan has been highly honoured by his Sovereign, by his Church, and by numerous organizations in which he has been active for so many years. But this is not the time to write his obituary! His knowledge and experience are assets of first-rate importance, both to his party and the community; and we venture to predict that his stature will increase during the years of his retirement, as the events of his time are seen in clearer perspective.

Water Safety

We are just at the end of Highway and Traffic Safety Week, sponsored here by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, but another word of caution may not be amiss at this time of year. "Water safety" takes in a great many things. The rules for safe bathing and swimming cannot be ignored without running serious risk not only to one's own life but to the lives of those who feel constrained to assist a fellow being in difficulties.

The same consideration applies of course, to taking undue risks in boats, with the additional factor that other passengers or crew may also be endangered by the foolhardiness of one man.

The only satisfactory rule is "Safety First", which should keep accidents to a minimum although their elimination is probably beyond what we can normally expect.

A source of danger not usually thought of is bad ventilation in power boats which results in "pockets" of gas fumes accumulating, an ever present fire hazard.

Swine Breeders' Convention

It is a matter of great interest and satisfaction to note that in recognition of the high record attained by this Province in quality hog production, the Canadian Swine Breeders' Association are holding their annual convention here on June 6. This is the first time the Association's convention has been held east of Toronto. Directors from every Province and outstanding breeders from many parts of the Dominion will be in attendance.

They will be coming to the right place, for this Island's achievement in the hog industry is indeed something to be proud of. Our percentage of Grade A hogs killed at inspected packing plants during the month of March last was 52.5—by far the highest in Canada. The percentages for other Provinces were as follows: Nova Scotia, 45.0; New Brunswick, 39.3; Quebec, 31.9; Ontario, 37.8; Manitoba, 24.6; Saskatchewan, 31.5; Alberta, 28.1; British Columbia, 26.0; average for all Canada, 33.6.

Last year, upwards of 20 per cent of all Grade A hogs registered in Canada were of Prince Edward Island breed. Considering the fact that our actual production is only about 2 per cent of the Dominion total, this achievement is almost unbelievable. The figures are authentic, however, and leave no doubt as to the high standing the Province

has attained in this phase of agriculture.

The reputation of our breeding stock is by no means confined to Canada. Last year we shipped upwards of 500 head of pure bred swine to all parts of the continent, including many parts of the United States as well as the other Provinces.

It is worth noting also that pork prices are on the increase and that the hog industry, despite high feed and transportation costs, is one of the most profitable lines in which our farmers can engage. Having done so much to raise production standards in recent years, they have every reason to look forward with confidence to the future.

Next month's convention of the Canadian Swine Breeders' Association should stimulate greater interest locally in the industry. Policies of Canada-wide importance will be discussed and determined, and there will also be the opportunity to make contracts for the sale of breeding stock and to meet leading livestock farmers from other Provinces. It is an opportunity none of our Island breeders can afford to miss, and it is hoped that as many as possible will make it a point to attend.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, Whitsunday.

Flood Relief Tag Day by I. O. D. E.

The additional 3.4 per cent freight rate increase lends that much force to Maritime arguments for a fairer distribution of the burden.

Today, in Halifax, former members of the Women's Division, R. C. A. F., are holding their first reunion since the war. They may look back on a job well done. That is they can if they can take the time from the job they are doing now.

An English firm is packing fresh and frozen fish in a new aluminum pack which is supposed to keep fresh, fish at normal temperature for 60 hours, or indefinitely if frozen. These may seem to cut into the Canadian market, but with our superior source of supply the advantage should soon show itself in favor of our own fishermen.

Dr. L. W. Shaw brought the interests of teachers and the provision for education before an influential body when he delivered a splendid address to the members of the Canadian Manufacturers in Toronto. It was a compliment to this Province (the least manufacturing in Canada) as well as to Dr. Shaw that he should have been selected for this purpose.

"We have found that the amount of variation from the standard of weight specified in the schedule of the act was minus 14,1,000ths of an ounce." The "trial of the pyx" is of ancient origin but the maintenance of such accurate standards seems slightly unnecessary when the silver content of coin does not even purport to match its nominal value.

Now that so many organizations are interesting themselves in raising funds for the unfortunate Winnipeggers so sorely distressed by flood, The Guardian's campaign will be brought to a close at the end of this month. Those intending subscribing should do so by 31st inst as the total amount received together with the names of the subscribers, will then be forwarded to Winnipeg headquarters from which official receipts will be issued.

After June 15th (the closing date for offers) the London committee responsible for selling the Queen Mary Carpet will examine the bids received. The purchaser of the carpet has ultimately to present it to a public institution. But the London Committee emphasizes that this condition would be satisfied by presenting it on the purchaser's death. If the Carpet is bought by an organization or firm they would be asked to undertake to make the presentation within a reasonable period of years.

John Calvin, Protestant Reformer, died this date, 1564. A native of Noyon, Picardy, he was educated for the R. C. priesthood, achieving brilliant success in his grammatical and philosophical studies in Paris. In 1527 he received the curacy of St. Martin-de Martenville, and that of Pont-l'Évêque, near Noyon. A year later Calvin decided to withdraw from the priesthood, and went to study law at Orleans, and later, at Bourges. There also he began to study Greek under Melchor Wolmar, and first imbibed the doctrines of the Reformation. In 1536 he produced his "Institutes of the Christian Religion", and his influence among the protesters became very great. In 1536 he removed to Geneva where he was followed by his chief supporters, and issued a Protestant Confession of Faith. He engaged in fierce controversies with his fellow Protestants chiefly with regard to election and predestination. Calvinism, in the extreme form which it assumed in the 17th century, has long been steadily losing ground both in Scotland and in England.

The Poet's Corner

THE REED-PLAYER

By a dim shore where water darkening Took the last light of spring. I went beyond the tumult, ha k ening For some diviner thing. Where the bats flew from the black elms like leaves, Over the ebon pool Brooded the bittern's cry, as one that grieves. Lands ancient, beautiful.

And now unseen along the shrouded mead. One went under the hill: He blew a cadence on his mellow reed, That trembled and was still.

It seemed as if a line of amber fire Had shot the gathered dusk, As if had blown a wind from ancient Tyre Laden with myrrh and musk.

He gave his luring note amid the fern; Its enigmatic fall Haunted the hollow dusk with golden burn And argent interval.

I could not know the message that he bore, The springs of life from me Hidden; his incommunicable love As much a mystery.

And as I followed for the magic player, He passed the maple wood, And when I passed the stars had risen there, And there was solitude.

—Duncan Campbell Scott.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

A SMALLPOX SCARE

From a report submitted by Dr. W. H. Hobkirk to His Worship Mayor Haviland, chairman of the Charlottetown Board of Health, March 14, 1861:

"On the 24th December, 1860, the schooner 'Caroline' arrived in this harbour, having a case of smallpox on board in the person of a man named Daniel MacDonaid, a native of Nova Scotia, who had been suffering from this disease for some days previous to his arrival. He was immediately conveyed on shore in a very exhausted state, and placed in a temporary hospital, two nurses and a male attendant being provided for him. He was also supplied with wine, beef, medicine, and other necessities, with an unparalled watchfulness every attention, he died on the seventh day after his admission. The remainder of the crew, five in number, were removed to a house provided for the purpose, where, subsequently, two more suffered from smallpox, both of whom recovered.

"By some means, not easily ascertained (as all the crew were removed to the hospital and the infected clothes and bedding destroyed) the disease broke out in four houses in the City, in a virulent form, and spread amongst their inmates with fearful rapidity. As they were poor people, they were removed with their own consent to the hospital, where nurses and all other necessities were provided for them, including wines and port for those who required it, and I feel assured that some of the patients owe their lives to the liberal allowance of these last mentioned articles.

"It was also thought advisable by your committee (in which I fully concurred) not only to remove the sick, but also all other members of their families who had been exposed to the infection; they therefore were provided with separate apartments. The result has fully justified this measure, as the disease progressively appeared in all who had not previously been vaccinated, or who had not taken the smallpox in the natural way."

Dr. Hobkirk's report showed that out of sixteen cases there were three deaths, including MacDonaid. The other two, Argh Buchanan and Henry Ingles, were local victims. In no instance had any vaccinated member of the infected families taken the disease.

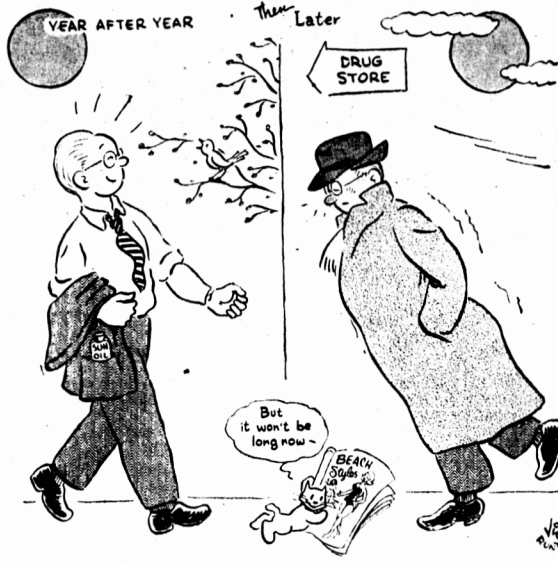
"While, therefore," the report concludes, "we ought not to shut our eyes to the fact that the recent appearance of smallpox affords a well founded ground of public anxiety, and is sufficient to call for the vigilant attention of those whose province it is to watch over the sanitary condition of the Island, yet, on the other hand, we may rest assured that there is no reason for despondency, or ground to doubt that by the application of prompt and energetic measures, wholly within our power, the efficiency of vaccination may be established in all its integrity; and so the dire calamity of epidemic smallpox may, under the blessing of Providence, be averted from this and future generations."

The Age-Old Story

Depart from evil, and do good and dwell for evermore.

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Agricultural Notes From Britain

Five U. K. Girls for Canada

Four of Britain's land girls and a teacher have just left for Canada.

The four, Betty Morris, 20, of Plumstead, London, May Hoban, 31, of Bradford; Violet Gray, 24, of Brixton, London, and Eileen Voas, 26, of Liverpool discussed the subject of emigration when they were together in the Land Army and decided that they would try it when the opportunity came.

Now they are off to Mr. Armand Smith's farm at Winona, Ontario, determined to show that no girls can beat those of Britain in the matter of hard work.

The fifth girl is Miss Beverley Bone, a 23-year-old school teacher, of St. Helens, Lancashire. When she left she carried a rucksack packed with cooking utensils, a sleeping bag, and a few clothes, for she means to do a lot of travelling by road.

"I got tired of being a school teacher," she said. "I thought I was getting in a rut. By staying in most nights I have managed to save nearly \$1200. I intend to hitch-hike around Canada, and perhaps the United States, until I find a good job."

Farm Equipment at C. I. T. F.

The Canadian International Trade Fair at Toronto will feature farm machinery and equipment of which British firms will contribute a wide variety, including: A range of rotary and disc grain screens, made for fitting to threshing machines and combine harvestors, which can also be incorporated in fixed machines for grading in seed warehouses, flour mills and farms.

These screens can be adjusted to suit all kinds and all qualities of grain, and will handle crop, as fine as linseed or as large as peas, beans or maize. They can be used successfully for cleaning, separating weeds and foreign matters from good grain, or for grading.

The screening wires can be adjusted to clean themselves as well as to dress the grain, and they will not become clogged with damp grain, wild oats or dirt. A portable milking machine with completely enclosed mechanism. Capable of milking two cows at the same time, it can be easily moved to herds in the fields or from one cowhouse to another.

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Notes By The Way

Why can't insurance companies base their rates on the not on that you are only as old as you feel?—London Free Press.

A formidable lady spent an hour poring over the stock of the Emerald Book Store in Hamilton. After rejecting countless suggestions, she finally decided, "Oh, well, I'll take this one." The clerk gave her a startled look and then said gently, "But, madam, this is the book you brought in with you." — The Hermedian.

The deep indentations made by arms of the sea and tidal rivers have given Nova Scotia more than its share of highway problems. Roads wind and twist of finding straight across as they do in places not so generously endowed with water. —Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

All Canadian mayors should make a pilgrimage to Winnipeg. If they learn nothing else, they will benefit by seeing, at firsthand, a city fighting for its life against the awful power of Nature. They will learn something, too, about co-operation and uniting their way around instead of conflicting straight across as they do in places not so generously endowed with water. —Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

Joe Itzkow was just finishing his new house in Winnipeg's West Kildonan when the flood waters came. In the West Kildonan area the damage has not been quite so severe as in other sections.

Joe's house, for example, the water is just a foot or so above his ground floor. Joe Itzkow has to use a boat. This he did this week to go back and carry on his housing project. When people passed by in boats, the could hardly believe their eyes. For there was Joe squatted unconcernedly on the roof—painting! —Fort William Times-Journal.

The answer to the question "Who Lost China?" — the only one consonant with the facts of Chinese sovereignty and Chinese misgovernment — is, oddly, that China "lost" China, and that nothing could have saved China except American control. This would have saddled America with a staggering and continuous responsibility which, if history is any guide would in the end have meant China's absorption of America — an entanglement, indeed, for the isolationists who are the ones that are using the question today as an indictment of the Ad-

from J. Strang, two Chevrolet vans from R. M. Adam, and three ewes from Wm. Bogue.

British Stock For North America North America figures largely in exports announced for the first quarter of this year, by Messrs. British Livestock Exports, Ltd. The list includes:

Canada and the United States: Bull and heifer from Kel and Cawder estates, two bulls and three heifers from Walter Biggar and Son; bull from James Burno, Lord Lovat, James C. Innes and Sons, J. and D. P. MacGillivray, W. D. Dron and A. W. Taylor, Heifers from Duncan Stewart, A. J. Marshall, William A. Macgregor, Hugh Duncan, Mrs. Kenneth Douglas, Pittodrie Shorthorn Co., W. B. and A. D. Robertson, G. D. Shiels, Shrigarton Farming Co., W. F. Ferguson, Hugh Elder, Lt.-Col. S. J. L. Hardie, H. E. Catherwood, James Stephen W. D. MacWilliam.

Aberdeen-Annis: Bull from Earl of Rosebery and R. M. Adam, Heifers from W. L. and W. M. James, D. M. Alan, G. and C. MacKenzie, J. and F. Thomson, Dr. A. W. Mac Kay, and James Gordon.

Lincoln Red Shorthorn: Bull from J. Bombaite and C. B. Bridge, Jersey: Bull from J. E. Gaudin, Sheep: Two Dorset Down rams

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administration's foreign policy. The Washington Post.

What appears to be a remarkably broad-minded spirit exists at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., if one may go by a new code of rules formulated to govern the behaviour of students attending the campus church. The rules which were formulated by the college chapel committee and published in the undergraduate newspaper lay down the following stern code of behavior for would-be worshippers: They must arrive at church "not later than the first hymn; must carry no school bag to the chapel proper; must be clad in a coat and tie, and be at least outwardly sober"; — Owen Sound Sun-Times.

A young lady of Winnipeg wrote a personal letter to a relative of hers in Fort William, in a chatty way she told of the havoc the flood water had caused, and in the course of her description, she wrote: "The Red Cross are doing a wonderful job in taking care of all these people. Makes you very glad you contributed at times when you did not think your donations were so much needed." Here was a simple but sincere endorsement of the work of the Red Cross — all the more valuable because it was a spontaneous expression of opinion meant for no other eyes than the man to whom she wrote, Fort William Times-Journal.

Apart from America's dollar, Canada has more to offer Old World members of the new alliance than any other member. But the extent and the nature of her assistance are dependent upon primary decisions by both the United States and Great Britain. American policy has limited Canada's participation in European recovery programs through curtailment of the spending of ECA dollars in this country. British policy has limited the export of many essential products from Canada because of the manner in which the United Kingdom has involved herself; and the Sterling Bloc in the soft currency countries in their dollar conservation program. — Toronto Globe and Mail.

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