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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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Health And Welfare

The matter of making the public better acquainted with the department's health programmes is giving concern to the Chief Health Officer. It has been found by the Directors of the various divisions that our people know little or nothing of the services which are available or which they now receive.

The comprehensive annual report of the Department of Health and Welfare itself gives a great deal of information about public health activities but unfortunately the bulk of the information is brought only to December 31, 1952, although a portion extends to March 31, 1953.

These activities, reported in considerable detail, include various branches of public health, cancer control, dental health, laboratories, and mental health. Under the Welfare Branch come the activities of the welfare officer, child welfare, mothers' allowances and old age pensions and Beach Grove.

A curious table is that showing the amounts paid out in the form of old age assistance. The breakdown is into electoral districts, although Charlottetown, Summerside, and the institutions are shown separately.

Audubon Anniversary

Millions of bird lovers will celebrate a special anniversary this spring, remembering that 150 years ago artist-naturalist John James Audubon studied and sketched his first American birds.

The National Geographic Society recalls that early in 1804, at 18, the Haiti-born son of a French naval officer arrived from France to live on his father's Mill Grove property near Norristown. He lost little time in exploring the natural wonders close at hand.

The old stone manor house of Mill Grove and 122 acres were acquired by Montgomery County in 1951, the centennial of Audubon's death, and were opened to the public last year. The house has been decorated with engravings from Audubon's famous folio, "Birds of America".

When The Farmer is Pinched

Everyone loses when the farmer runs into hard times, for curtailment of needed expenditures on the farm means loss of business all round. This is exemplified in reports from the United States, where farm prices have dropped 17 per cent in two years.

ing with the relative prosperity of the five sections of the state which these five counties represented.

From 20 to 60 per cent were trying to cut food costs. Forty-one per cent overall eliminated planned vacation trips last year. From three to seven per cent gave up plans to have their children finish high school and the same number gave up plans for sending children to college.

In North Carolina the State College reported that a majority of farmers were trying to increase output as a means of keeping net income up. In New York State, where only four per cent of the total population are farm people, non-farm incomes have not been cut and farm income has been maintained reasonably well.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that generally farm housewives will put up more canned goods and do more home baking; the family will take fewer trips to the movies; the farmer himself will get his blue jeans patched for another year; the barn door will continue to sag and the farm machinery will get repairs instead of replacements.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the third Sunday in Lent.

The last day of winter. Spring begins at 11:54 tonight.

If the Federation of Agriculture manages to have the Government vendors close early Saturday and the municipalities get the daylight time they want liquor sales will cease early Saturday afternoon.

Farmers in these parts who feel they have more than their share of troubles should consider the bleak prospects of one in Wisconsin who recently married a young lady from Chicago. Her first question on being shown round the barn was: "Which cow is it that gives the nice buttermilk?"

Establishment of an all the year round ferry service for Kings County is advocated from both sides of the Legislature. Such a service would indeed be of great value to the eastern part of the Province.

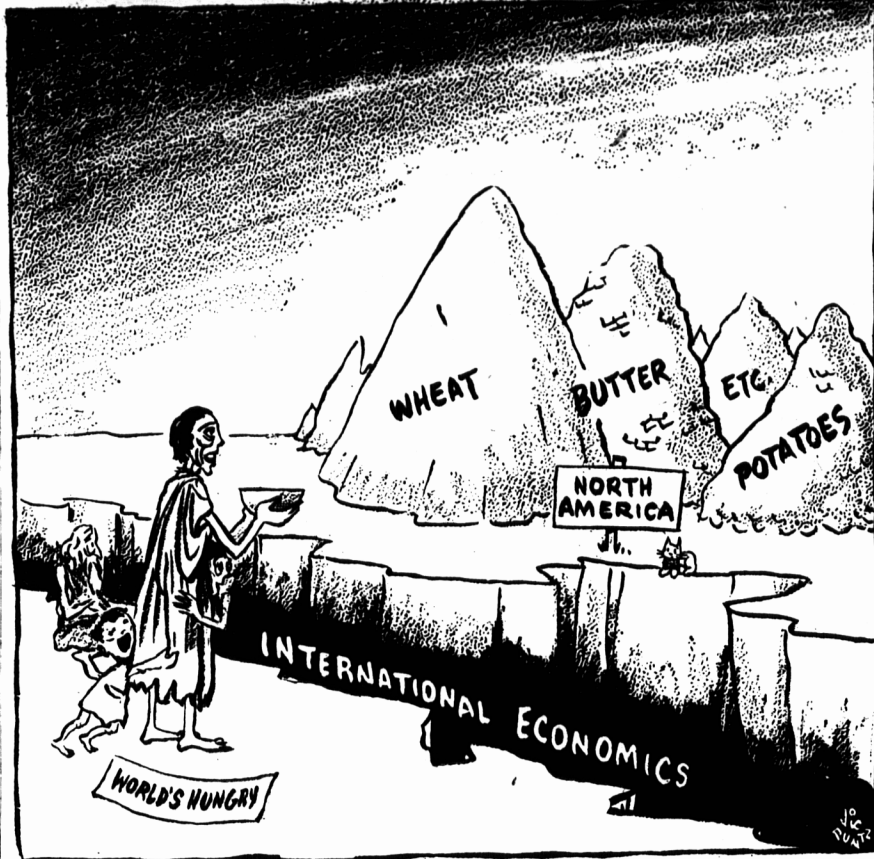
Herbert Albert Laurens Fisher, British scholar, parliamentarian and historian, was born this date 1865. He taught on three continents. He was appointed president of the Board of Education by Lloyd George and was responsible for the far reaching Education Act of 1918, establishing a truly national system of education.

A strong point was made against a single marketing agency by Mr. George MacKay in the House Thursday. "The dealers have spent years in building up markets which they are now in danger of losing."

The rule, now abolished, which prevented firms having Federal Government contracts from contributing to party funds served a useful purpose when the comparatively small Government expenditure went solely to a few good friends of the party in power.

The United States is reported to have about 40 per cent of total world income, a proportionate increase of more than 50 per cent since 1938. Average per capita income in 1948 was \$1,525. Other countries in order were Switzerland, \$950; New Zealand, \$933; Canada, \$895; Australia, \$812; Sweden, \$805; Denmark, \$781; Great Britain, \$777; Norway, \$550; France, \$418; Germany, \$336; Italy, \$225; Soviet Russia, \$181.

Longingly Looking At Our Mountains



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.

DEMOCRACY IN HOME AND SCHOOL

Sir,—The existence and welfare of a nation depend upon whether or not its citizens can develop and maintain democracy. Today Canada has an imperfect democracy. The country is run by a few people in our Government.

Democracy here in Canada has yet to be learned, and the most effective way is through the home and the school. It was thought that Israel could be started off as a democratic nation, but they made a bad beginning.

Is the school's chief function to teach democracy? What better lesson can be taught, and where better can it be taught than in our schools? Those principles that underlie our democracy, harmony, working together, intelligent attitude toward government, respect for law.

The teacher who daily trains her pupils along democratic lines is deserving of praise and honour and a better salary than she is getting. She is building foundations for an enduring nation.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

VAULTING MATCH

"About two hundred people attended the pole vaulting match at the Drill Shed last evening, for the championship of the Maritime Provinces. The contestants were James McEachern, of Charlottetown, and Marcus Henderson of Clyde River. McEachern is of medium height, weighing about one hundred and eighty pounds, and when he prepared for work presented a splendid physique.

After Twenty-Two Centuries

National Geographic News

About 230 B. C., a Greek ship sailing westward along the French Mediterranean coast, sank with a full cargo of wine and Campanian pottery.

The story of that ancient vessel, its discovery and salvaging of its archeological riches was told before a Washington audience today (Friday, March 5) by Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau, French marine explorer and leader of the National Geographic Society-Calgary Marine Archeological Expedition.

The mud-covered ship, lying more than 110 feet deep off the rocky island of Grand Congloue near the port of Marseille, is being excavated by divers equipped with Aqualungs. Work has been in progress for more than a year. Scientists of the expedition team consider the Greek shipwreck to be the oldest seagoing cargo vessel ever found.

From the 100-foot-long Argosy, too big to be a rowed galley, have come more than 3,000 gracefully shaped amphorae, earthenware jars used in Greek and Roman wine trade. Packed among and above them in the shattered ship's hold were found thousands of pieces of black-varnished Campanian dinnerware.

Plates, cups, and bowls made by Greek potters for export from the Roman Province of Latium (now Campania) never reached their destination in the markets of Massalia, ancestor of Marseille. Only now have human hands unpacked them from their careful nesting, and brought them up from the sea.

Amphorae stacked in rows in the hold and on the deck of the ill-fated ship held resin-flavored wine of the Greek Cyclades Islands and the red Latium wine of the Sabina hills near Rome. At least one earthenware jar has been found with the essence of its original wine still sealed inside.

Captain Cousteau tested the ancient vintage, reporting that either the years had been unkind or the ancients' taste had been peculiar. "I tasted all the mustiness and age there is in it," he said.

From trademarks stamped on the wine jars, traced through Roman archives, archeologists have possible evidence pointing to a possible owner of the fabled ship. Thus they recharted the vessel's last voyage.

A Roman merchant trader named Marcus Sestius, known to have received Greek citizenship on the sacred island of Delos in the Aegean Sea in 240 B. C., could have sent the great ship west-

and ten feet, the men decided to jump no more, and the proceedings closed. —The Examiner, Oct. 25, 1888.

THE NATION'S SECURITY lies in the home . . .

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The Passing Scene

By Observer CONCERNING DR. BUTTERFIELD'S VIEWS

I have been reading the text of an address delivered to a group of school administrators by Dr. Victor Butterfield of Wesleyan University in Connecticut. Perhaps it is well to mention that Dr. Butterfield belongs to what might be called the "middle notch" in present day intellectual circles rather than to the so-called "top notch," a place reserved for a few of the calibre and near mysticism of Robert Hutchins.

This is no disadvantage; in fact, it seems to add weight to his views, for the simple reason that the language in which they are clothed is more easily understood by the average serious minded student of contemporary thought in the field of education.

One of the very bright characteristics of Dr. Butterfield's assessment of current school problems is the complete absence of name-calling and arbitrary condemnation which, unfortunately, spoils much of the otherwise helpful criticism which is abroad today with respect to educational goals and methods.

He sees no one panacea for the ills which beset education in these days; and that is not surprising, since they are in the main reflections of the things that are troubling society as a whole. Not once does he mention labels like "traditionalism" and "progressivism" which are being tossed around as if one (depending on the point of view) were the golden key to open the doors of knowledge to all who seek it, and the other a frightful stumbling block to all that is good and fair in life.

"Education," says Dr. Butterfield, "is not a process of developing skills and powers, nor is it a mere 'practical' training. It should teach what it means to be a man and at the same time a citizen in a free society." This view of education is, of course, not new; it is as old as Plato, perhaps older. But somehow it has never captured the popular imagination. People will persist in seeing education as a necessary and bothersome means to a professional career; the inference being, and a very natural one, that young people who don't intend to go on to one or other of the professions really have little or no need of a liberal education.

The breaking down of this view is the first urgent task confronting educational authorities today;

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