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Fair Week in Retrospect

As Premier Jones admitted on Monday night, this week's Provincial Fair might perhaps be bettered by the Canadian National at Toronto, but it is doubtful if one could find a suitable comparison elsewhere. The Calgary Stampede may be all very well, but who among our legion of harness racing fans would exchange the excitement of a close finish down the homestretch for all the broncho busting that the West can offer? The Old Home Week racing in Charlottetown has been steadily gaining in popularity until today (to again quote the Premier) it is not a question of attracting bigger crowds here but of transporting them to and from the Province. That problem will have to be solved with better roads, ferries and rail connections, and on its solution also will depend our future development agriculturally, industrially and otherwise.

The big Fair attracted some of the finest livestock entries in Canada, particularly in the dairy cattle and swine classes, and set new standards this year which will prove of great future value to the Province. It was pleasing to note the many veteran Island showmen who have been scoring year after year and are still able to give pointers to the younger generation in quality breeding, but who nevertheless found this year's competition the keenest in their experience. The work they are doing is profitable not only to themselves in the prize money and publicity received, but to every breeder in the Province.

A matter of gratification also was the increase in the handicraft and other exhibits under the auspices of the Women's Institutes, who cannot be too highly commended for reviving this important feature of the Exhibition, and who in time will bring it to equal and even surpass anything previously shown in this connection.

The Exhibition management and officials showed themselves highly competent in their duties, many favorable comments being heard on the smooth working of the various track and show-ring events. The spick-and-span appearance of the grounds, the fine modern stables, cattle barns and other plant equipment, also came in for commendation. We might add to this a tribute to the police and traffic officers whose courtesy and efficiency were noted appreciatively by many visitors.

It has been a big week for everybody, and all who helped to make it a success from Manager Kennedy and his co-directors down, have reason to take a bow.

"His Moustache Ticked"

Liberal Headquarters in Ottawa has been making political capital of Prime Minister St. Laurent's Gallic courtesy, caught by the cameraman in the act of bestowing a generous kiss upon the charming countenance of a young lady in Saskatchewan. Time was when kissing squalling infants was part of a politician's chore. Today, judging by what the camera portrays, public life is becoming much less rugged.

The incident recalls the story of a young lad, taken around to an actress dressing room following the performance. After some general conversation about the play, the small boy raised a point which obviously must have been bothering him a lot. In a rather aggressive tone he asked, "do you really kiss that man in the play?" To which the astonished actress replied, "Well, yes, as a matter of fact I do. Whereupon a look of revulsion, tinged with unbelief, spread over the youngster's countenance. "Doesn't he mind?" the youthful visitor exclaimed.

Apparently the recipient of Prime Minister St. Laurent's bussing didn't mind, either. Her only comment was, "His moustache tickled!" All of which serves only to show that the grim business of politics has its gay and lighthearted moments. The pity of it is there were no more such incidents. Even the declining fortunes of the CCF party might be revived could Mr. Coldwell be induced to kiss a few of his constituents from time to time.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 13th Sunday after Trinity.

Russia's pain at Chinese deviation from the party line is oddly at variance with the contention that Chinese Communism

is of the home grown variety and not imposed by Russian power politics.

Tomorrow, the thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Last Day of Old Home Week and the Provincial Exhibition.

A return to normal will not be practicable in our way of life till after Labour day.

In Western Canada it is usually a case of too much or too little wheat; this year the surfeit has it too.

Charlottetown welcomes the veterans of the 8th Heavy A.A. Battery meeting here for their first post-war reunion.

Argentina is facing critical shortages of meat just now, an achievement of economics even more impressive than our own butter shortage.

Country youngsters now have nothing to detract them from school except shooting, fishing, ball games, harvesting, potato picking and, of course, their usual chores.

One complication of having a successful an Exhibition as this week's is that customers for Island livestock will certainly not be satisfied with anything but the best.

Lord John Russell, First Earl of Russell, was born this date 1792, the third son of the sixth Duke of Bedford. He became a Member of Parliament for about thirty-five years, in and out of office. His constant aim was reform and his name is associated with many political, social and economic changes.

The Royal Air Force is beginning trials this summer with a new process for aircraft storage which is based on the use of a plastic "cocoon" of airtight, weather-tight, temperature-tight skin. It is claimed that planes wrapped up in this skin can be stored in the open for periods ranging up to a number of years.

There is something disturbing about the report that the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada is sponsoring a study to correct inaccuracies in the story of the Riel rebellion of 1885. Coming so soon after the Prime Minister's designation of the affair as a rising rather than rebellion savours too much of re-writing history in the light of current politics.

When Parliament meets in October, the principal business will be consideration of a second budget to raise money to pay the \$40 per annum old age pension. Hon. Mr. Martin, Minister of Health, estimates the new pension act will absorb \$410,000,000 of taxpayers money in 1952, and it must come from somewhere, necessarily from the ordinary taxpayers' pockets.

When the aircraft carrier Magnificent sailed from Halifax for the Mediterranean she had aboard enough supplies—including everything from ping-pong balls to 100,000 pounds of meal—to sink many a lesser ship. The list of supplies read something like this: 10,000 dozen eggs; 60,000 pounds of bread flour; 10,000 pounds of pastry flour; 1,500 cases of tinned fruit juice; 300 cases of evaporated milk; 500 bags of potatoes; 600 heads of lettuce, and 600 pounds of tomatoes, to mention just a few of the most important items.

One of the most colourful of Scottish Festival of Britain celebrations will be the Gathering of the Clans which is taking place in Edinburgh from August 16th to 19th. The highlight of this gathering, which includes a Grand Ceilidh, a Highland ball and a Highland Gathering, will be the march of the massed pipe bands to the Highland Gathering at Murrayfield on August 18th. At Murrayfield the chiefs or their representatives of 23 clans will each have a tent flying the chief's personal standard at which the clansmen can meet with their chief. Mr. Gilbert Carmichael, Royal Chief of the Order of Scottish Clans of Canada and the U. S. A. and 200 Canadian and American Scots are flying from New York for the Gathering.

Mr. R. S. McLaughlin, Oshawa, the famous automobile manufacturer, has donated a million dollars to provide financial assistance to graduates of Canadian medical schools who intend to devote their lives, wholly or in part, to medical teaching. Graduates selected for staff appointment to a Canadian medical school will be eligible for assistance in the form of grants to enable them to visit medical centres anywhere that important new work is being done. Any promising clinical and medical research in Canada also will be given financial support, particularly "travelling fellows" on their return from studies abroad to disseminate any new medical knowledge they acquired.

SKETCHPAD REPORT An Afternoon At The Exhibition



The Poet's Corner

THE SHEEP FAIR

The day arrives of the autumn fair, And torrents fall, Though sheep in throngs are gathered there, Ten thousand all, Sudden, with hurdles round them reared; And, lot by lot, the pens are cleared, And the auctioneer wings out his board, And wipes his book, bedrenched and smeared, And rakes the rain from his face, with the edge of his hand, As torrents fall.

The wool of the ewes is like a sponge, With the daylong rain: Jammed tight, to turn or lie, or lunge, They strive in vain. Their horns are soft as finger-nails, Their shepherds reek against the rails, The tied dogs soak with tucked-in tails, The buyers' hat-brims all like pails, Which spill small cascades when they shift their stand In the daylong rain.

Time has trailed lengthily since met At Plummary Fair Those panting thousands in their wet, And woolly wear: And every flock long since has bled, And all the dripping buyers have shed, And the hoarse auctioneer is dead, Who "Going—going!" so often said, As he consigned to doom each meek, mewed head At Plummary Fair. —Thomas Hardy.

The Age-Old Story

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. . . . And he sent them to Bethlehem and said: Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. . . . When they had heard the king they departed, and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. . . . And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his

Old Charlottetown

COL. READY'S DEPARTURE

"No event has for a long period occurred which has more deeply excited the feelings of this community than the departure of the late Lieutenant Governor, Colonel Ready, a gentleman not less endeared to our recollections by the qualities of his heart, and his numerous acts of unostentatious benevolence, than by his general conciliating deportment in the exercise of his official duties and in the intercourse of social life. . . . Yesterday being the day fixed for his departure, he left Government House about two o'clock, accompanied by His Excellency Lieutenant Colonel Young, His Honour the Chief Justice and other members of the Council, the Assembly, and a number of other gentlemen. The numerous spectators assembled on the wharf formed into two lines and stood uncovered, while the procession passed, and the deep silence which prevailed, broken only by the guard present-

mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrra.

BRITISH DEFENCE

Britain's Civil Defence Corps at the end of June stood at 147,464 of whom 83,124 were women.

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Notes By The Way

One of our readers says vacation is supposed to spell leisure but at the rate some people hurry along the highways, they find that vacation is spelled "ETERNITY."—Sudbury Daily Star.

An astronomer in California says that stars are exploding at the rate of one a month. The mystery is how Eichwood ever gets some of its pictures finished. —Hamilton Spectator.

A couple of penguins who live in London are trying to incubate, respectively, an apple and a tennis ball. When they have successfully performed this feat, they should be brought to Washington to sit on the St. Lawrence seaway bill. These indomitable penguins might bring results where the Congress has failed. —Ottawa Citizen.

In the German city of Weissenburg, a mouse touched two high-tension rails and shut off the city's power. This anonymous rodent thereby performed a feat worthy of the cloaked character who flits across the screen in our movie theaters. Nothing is said about the mouse's antecedents, but it is learned on good authority that it was not in the pay of any agency for purposes of sabotage. It just did the deed for glory. —Ottawa Citizen.

One of the features of totalitarian government is its control of news at source. The present editor of "Pravda" who crossed swords with Mr. Morrison last week, is not a professional journalist but a high-ranking member of the Communist hierarchy. Mikhail Suslov, tall, gangling, spectacled, is one of the five Party Secretaries (Stalin being the first), and he has for some time past appeared on all state occasions with the better-known members of the Politburo. He has a curious resemblance to De Valera; the same mixture of gentle charm and deadly fanaticism. His job is subject to no direct control, except that he must conform to the decisions of the inner circle of the party, to which he himself belongs. All other newspapers take their tone from "Pravda" which, as the or-

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