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Municipal Requirements

In emphasizing the difficulty of financing street repair work in Charlottetown, Mr. B. Earle MacDonald suggests that the Provincial Government give some assistance in the form of an annual maintenance grant. His statement was made at a political meeting, but it is to be hoped that it will be dissociated from any political implications and given consideration on its merits. Good streets are an asset to our farmers as well as local citizens, not to speak of the additional revenue they provide in gasoline taxes. The Government already recognizes this fact to the extent of providing assistance in the way of snow clearance. It is a nice question, of course, as to how far the Government's responsibility should extend in this matter. It represents all the people. Our Legislative members are predominantly from rural constituencies, and it is up to our civic spokesmen to convince them of the reasonableness of the request which the Liberal member for the Fifth District has put forward.

His statement serves to highlight the problem of municipal financing which is one of Canada-wide concern. Next week the National Tax Association is meeting in Toronto, and it has been suggested that the Association this year set in motion a special study of the need of municipal governments for increased revenue in the face of mounting obligations. As the Globe and Mail points out, the economic results of two wars within about thirty years have led to vastly increased tax levies by the higher administrative powers, while the growth of urban centres and the new demands made upon agriculture have left the municipalities, at the lowest level, in a deep quandary.

Modern economic problems, not of municipal origin, have been thrust on the municipalities. Except in very minor instances their revenue sources have not been broadened. They have been compelled to enter on programs of increased property assessments as well as higher taxation rates in order to provide education, sanitation and transportation—to name only three of the many services which an urban municipality must provide at costs which are mounting faster than revenue sources are expanding. The pressure is now so great that many urban workers are creating homes in nearby rural areas which are not equipped to service them. We have experienced this problem already in Charlottetown, where built-up areas, inadequate provided with sewage and other facilities, are causing increasing concern to the health authorities. In both rural and urban communities the demand for roads and highways is increasing so rapidly that higher assessments and higher tax rates are becoming as necessary outside the municipalities as within them.

The trend, the Globe and Mail maintains, cannot move continuously in this direction without a breakdown somewhere. The municipalities as corporate entities, as well as the industries, businesses and families in them, are essential contributors to the national economy. Some basic readjustments are required, and it is hoped that both provincial and federal authorities will co-operate in bringing these changes about.

Isotopes And Farm Crops

The utilization of radio-active isotopes in agricultural research is among the latest methods which British scientists are using to find ways of improving crop yields and increasing food production.

There are, notes an exchange, promising indications that isotopes can be used for measuring the rates at which various materials move through soils and the rates at which plants take up food from the soil. Experiments on these lines are expected to be especially valuable in improving methods of applying fertilizers to different soils and crops. Several research stations are using radio-active phosphorus to study problems of plant psychology, crop nutrition and manuring and recently isotopes have been used in full-scale experiments at Rothamstead Experimental Station. Radio-active elements have also been used in recent experiments on the movement of ground insect pests, such as wireworms which do immeasurable damage.

Already widely used in medicine and industry, isotopes have lately been put to work preventing waste in the printing and

textile worlds where they act as a safeguard against smudging or changing of color through inadvertent contamination of printing dyes and inks. Isotopes added to the coloring medium cause radio-activity to rise, checking the printing operation.

These substances can be used to prevent coal dust explosions in mines. In medical research they show how living organisms work. In some fields they are taking the place of X-rays to indicate flaws and cracks in weldings and castings. A new isotope—caesium—which gives a very powerful and concentrated emission of gamma rays is now being recovered from atomic waste.

With all these new uses for radio-active substances, world demand is continually growing. Britain is the world's greatest supplier overseas and demands from overseas markets have resulted in exports increasing to considerably more than internal consumption.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, 14th Sunday after Trinity.

The new microphone system for the House of Commons is on its way from Britain. When installed, it is expected to bring the voices of speakers within one foot hearing distance of anyone in the House at any time.

There is always lots of enthusiasm amongst Boy Scouts to be selected to attend a jamboree. A very special one comes up next 24th of May. Scouts from the Commonwealth and the Colonies and other nations will be invited to send patrols to take part in a Coronation Jamboree in Sandringham Park over Whitsuntide.

Over a million and a half dollars from the lobster fishery in the first seven months of the current year represents a substantial contribution to our revenue in this Province. It underlines the importance of conserving this valuable industry, and of improving and expanding marketing and packing methods by every means possible.

Our neighbours in Ontario are in a bad way if, as Premier Frost states, the escape and disappearance of the Boyd gang were made possible by "a province-wide underworld organization" with a link in the Don Jail. It is to be hoped that the commission of inquiry in this case will help to the line, letting the chips fall where they may.

The tourist business is not all profit to this country by any means. Last year Canadians spent \$280,000,000 while travelling in other countries, compared with \$225,000,000 the previous year and only \$192,000,000 in 1949. Last year was the only one, so far, in which Canadian spending was higher than the total spent by visitors to this country.

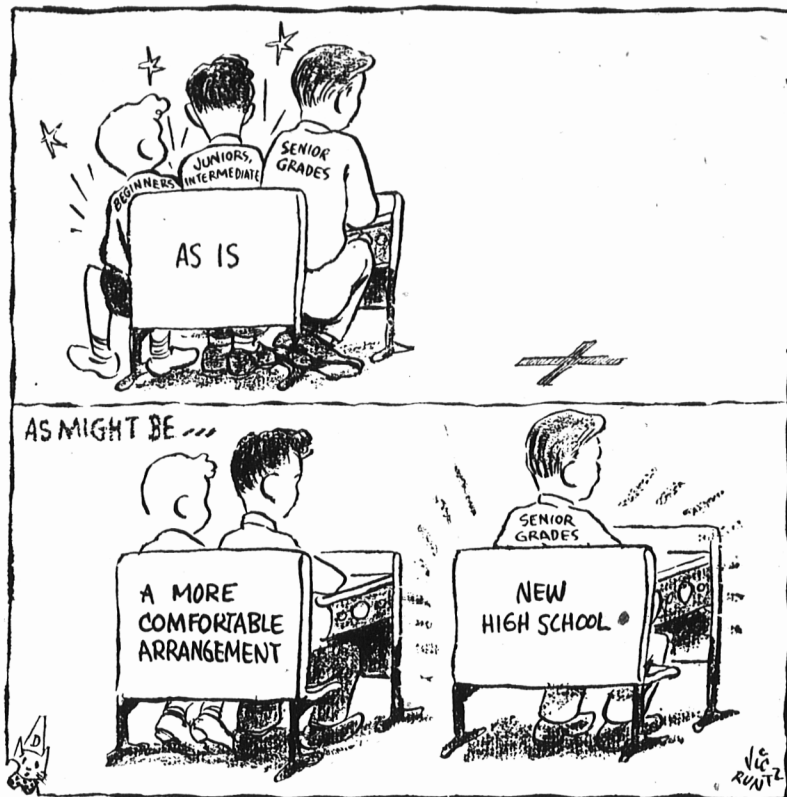
One of the attractions at the Rural Youth Fair to be held at the Exhibition Grounds on September 19 will be the competition open to members of Garden Clubs in vegetables and flowers, for which the prize will be a free airplane trip over Charlottetown and vicinity. The judges will be Messrs. Gordon Warren and James Baldwin of the Charlottetown Experimental Station.

Field Marshal William Riddell Birdwood, first Baron Birdwood, English soldier, was born this date 1863. A lifelong soldier, he took part in a number of expeditions before South Africa where he took a leading part. In the First World War he was in command of the ANZAC and then the whole Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, commanding the Dardanelles Army during its evacuation. He has since held many important posts.

The bridge of the future will be a rainbow of color, that blends into the landscape, predicts David B. Steinman, in the New York Times. The graceful, arching spans of tomorrow, like their rainbow prototype, will have brightness and warmth of color. Painting with light will be an integral part of design. "With phosphorescent color and fluorescent radiance, unforgettable effects of luminous magic will be produced. At night, the rainbow span will be an arc of 'radiant glow,'" says poet Steinman.

Through its various departments the Federal Government publishes much serious material of a permanent nature. A problem exists of informing the public specifically of what is available. The Queen's Printer is at present having the whole of Government publications classified by subject categories. When the catalogue is issued, people will have an excellent guide not only to valuable reference works, but also to the many popular books which filter and digest this material for general consumption. A little judicious advertising would greatly add to the value of the work to the taxpayer.

Tight Fit



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.

INFORMATION WANTED

Sir,—I read in The Guardian with amazement the information published by the Marketing Board regarding the handling of the Island potato crop. There is evidently going to be plenty of inspectors to see that the numerous regulations are complied with, and the farmer is the one who is going to pay their salaries. I have no doubt that in years such as we have just had, the Board is perfectly capable of getting a good price for the farmer; but I would appreciate very much if Mr. MacDonald could tell us what the Board would do to maintain prices if we ever have a surplus crop to market. It seems to me that if all these officials want to live off the farmers, it would be cheaper for us to send them out to Beach Grove to maintain them there instead of having them interfere with the marketing process.

I am, Sir etc., DANIEL N. TAYLOR Nine Mile Creek.

Scandalous Failure

(Globe and Mail) Incredibly, anger and disgust have been the public response to the escape from the Don Jail of four of Canada's most dangerous criminals. No excuse for this disgraceful episode is acceptable. Even allowing for the difficulties caused by the age and weakness of the ninety-year-old structure of Toronto is still using for a jail, there is not a single word which may be said for those charged with guarding these men while they were awaiting trial. Every fact which has been uncovered after the event points to complacency, laxity and virtual responsibility in the degree and method of supervision. This neglect of duty has got to stop, and nothing but the most drastic punishment in the power of the Provincial Jail authorities will satisfy the public's sense of outrage.

The folly of leaving these desperadoes unwatched and unattended for even a minute is apparent to everybody. But it is admitted they were merely "looked in on" every once in a while by a guard who had other duties to share his attention. The stupidity of putting all four together in adjoining cells is perhaps the most incredible factor of the whole matter. Such an arrangement virtually assured that all would escape if one of them did. It has been admitted by inference that the bars on the windows outside their cells, and through which they escaped, were not checked frequently for evidence of tampering. Jail authorities obviously kept no watch outside the walls, which might have noted the sawing of the bars or the actual escape.

In short, what is there in the circumstances which suggests that the jail governor, his staff or his supervisors in the Department of Reform Institutions were fulfilling their responsibility? Any intelligent citizen could have spotted these weaknesses. These men are making a lifework of jail management, and presumably are aware of all the tricks that may be tried. They are expected to measure their precautions by the size of their responsibility. In this case, all of them had a supreme duty to see that these men were held in custody until the trial had dealt with them. They knew plots had been organized to assist the criminals; they were forewarned in the most alarming way. They should have spared nothing in cost, time and effort to hold these men. There can be no forgiveness for the failure.

LONDON (CP)—"Toddler-proof" television sets with the backs totally enclosed, to safeguard controls, were shown at the recent National Radio Exhibition.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

BARGAIN PRICES

The bargain prices at which huge estates in Prince Edward Island were obtained in the old days is revealed in the findings of a special committee, headed by Mr. Alexander Rae, which reported to the House of Assembly at the session of 1842. The committee had been instructed to search the Registry office records in regard to the prices paid by those who bought up the claims of the original grantees to the townships of the Island. It found, among other things:

"That for 160,000 acres, no consideration appears to have been given; at least, none is stated in the conveyance;

"That for 193,332 acres, purchased by the Earl of Selkirk at different times since 1802, the amount of consideration moneys is \$3,905;

"That for 96,333 acres, purchased by the late Governor Panning, and all purchased after his having entered on his office, and chiefly, if not all, purchased during his administration, and about the years when the House of Assembly were praying the Crown to direct the greater part of the Townships to be exchanged, the amount of consideration moneys appears to have been £623—one Township of 28,000 acres having been bought for Nine Pounds!

"That in regard to the land claimed by the late John Cambridge, only 51,600 acres appears on record, and the amount of consideration moneys for these appears to have been £1198.

"Thus, three of those who have made the largest claims on the right of the soil of the Island, appear to have given for these claims (which at the time they bought them were all liable to forfeiture) at the rate of three-pence and a fraction of a penny per acre, and at the same time, and immediately thereafter, to have exacted from every individual who had settled on such land, a rent of one shilling per acre; and in the case of the Earl of Selkirk, to have induced hundreds to transport themselves and their families, at their own expense, from Scotland to this Island, here to commence clearing away the woods, struggling with the difficulties incident to want of roads, mills, markets, churches and schools; undergoing the rigours of the winters of this climate, when ill prepared to contend therewith, and for the most part unable to buy, and obliged to lease from him the land they had to clear, paying him every year a rent, per acre, more than equivalent to three times the price he paid per acre, and still remaining, in many instances, in arrears of rent, and frequently distressed on and ejected."

The committee report noted further that "though no grants of several townships are recorded, yet these townships are claimed under recorded conveyances from individuals designated in such conveyances as assigns of the original grantees, and sometimes no ways referring to such grantees. Further, that many individuals who had settled on townships which, at the time of their settling and for many years thereafter, were unclaimed, on such claimant appealing, have been terrified, by the expense of resisting such a claim at law, into promise to pay rent; and even though such promise was only verbal, or without promising even, if they paid only one year's rent, they are by such promise or payment forever precluded from resisting payment, even though such claimant will not exhibit a single document in support of his claim."

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Notes By The Way

Queen Mother Elizabeth has purchased an out-of-date Scottish castle for temporary "retirement" until her daughter's coronation next year. We still doubt whether anything would look out-of-date with Her Majesty around.—Windsor Star.

The fact that Australia has now seen fit to depart from its precedent of honoring a native-born citizen with its governor generalship may, we hope, give strength in the future to critics of the Canadian Government in Ottawa in the coming years tries to wish on the Canadian people a mediocre nominee merely to preserve governor generalship in Canadian hands.—Winnipeg Tribune.

The lamprey eel, enemy of lake trout and other game fish, is finding greater acceptance as food. Ontario provincial authorities have been setting up traps in streams along the lower lakes to catch these sea-creatures. When caught, the eels are taken to Toronto, where they are grilled, wrapped in buttered paper, sometimes salted, and sent to consumers in various parts of the country.—Sylvia.

"Seems kind of silly, doesn't it?" we heard an American visitor saying the other day as he looked at an American flag flying from a local building. We didn't hear any further comment, but there was a suggestion that he thought we were toadying to the Americans flying the Stars and Stripes in a land other than the United States.—Niagara Falls Review.

A war veteran in a Vancouver military hospital told the Prime Minister he would like the occasional bowl of pea soup, "because I'm a French Canadian." It's fairly safe to assume he has had his pea soup by this time. We hope it was of better quality than is the alleged "French Canadian pea soup" served in some restaurants around here.—Ottawa Journal.

A remarkable find has been made in the course of excavations between St. George's street and Burgate, Canterbury. Volunteers were excavating to discover the plan of a ninth-century house, the cobbled floor of which had already been uncovered, when they came upon the well of a thirteenth century house, which had been afterwards erected on the site.

than the U.N.'s. No Red planes fly over Allied ground fire—they stick to their own territory. And what were the U.N. planes doing that were destroyed by enemy action? Attacking troops, bombing supply lines and centers, or protecting the bombers.

Add to the Red planes destroyed the enemy troops put out of action, the munitions that will never reach the enemy's front, the hobbling of his whole freedom of movement, the consequent saving of untold allied lives, and you have the true measures of what the U.N. bought with 1,572 planes and something less than that number of brave airmen.

The well was found to be 35 feet from the present surface level. The water at the bottom was pumped out and the well yielded 5 water pickers and other vessels of the period.—London Times.

A bylaw passed by Belvedere, Calif., is causing the wags of a continent some amusement. "No dog," it decrees, "shall be in a public place without its master on a leash." Yet there may be some truth in it; as much truth, for instance, as often can be found in that weird but familiar construction which explains that "the damaged car was in charge of Joe Doakes." When a driver is in control of his car, does it naturally follow that the vehicle is in control of him?—Windsor Star.

In the "40 years ago" column of the Standard on Saturday, it was mentioned that peaches were selling on the market at sixty cents per basket. The market quotation for peaches on the same Saturday was sixty cents per basket, from which there will be variance, no doubt. The coincidence of sixty-cent peaches, in view of the present inflation, forty years ago and now, is impressive. The fact is, a wonderful crop of the golden fruit in the Niagara Peninsula this year, embarrassingly so.—St. Catharines Standard.

The Age-Old Story

There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana, in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. Simon Peter saith unto them, I go fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore; but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead. So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

MELKSHAM, England (CP)—Nearly 1,500 airmen at the Royal Air Force station in this Wiltshire district were given 48 hours' leave because of a water shortage in the area.

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