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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Safeguarding Quality

The close check on the quality of potatoes and other vegetables promised by Mr. C. E. Shaw of the Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service will be to the advantage of producers and distributors as well as to the housewife.

Government inspection, however, has its limitations and can only assist rather than replace careful merchandising and prudent shopping.

The maintenance of high standards of quality means that the consumer's hard earned dollar buys full value and also that the trade benefits by good merchandising practice and a high level of sales.

The Suez Canal

In view of the Suez Canal being so much in the limelight of late, it will be of interest to our readers to recall that a Prince Edward Islander played a prominent part when the Canal was opened to traffic on November 18, 1869.

The late Mr. Fred W. Hyndman, who served in the Royal Navy for many years, in various ships, and in many parts of the world, had the distinction of being an officer on the H. M. S. "Newport" which headed the fleets of all the nations to Port Said, Egypt, and fired the Royal Salute at the opening ceremony, as the Empress Eugenie of France, the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria and the Crown Prince William of Prussia arrived for the inauguration.

The late Mr. Hyndman also had the distinction of paying the first canal dues for any vessel passing through the Suez Canal.

Mr. J. O. Hyndman, son of the late Mr. Hyndman, has in his possession a photo album and also an interesting diary of his father's experiences in different parts of the world during the time he served in the Royal Navy.

The late Mr. Hyndman issued a booklet entitled "Seven Historic Events" in which he participated during his service in the Royal Navy.

When the late Mr. Hyndman retired from the Navy and returned to Prince Edward Island, he entered the insurance business, and was the founder in 1872 of the well known firm of Hyndman & Co. Limited.

Western Farm Trend

The Department of Agriculture in Saskatchewan has revealed that more than half of the agricultural societies in that province are dormant as a result of relatively recent changes in farming practices.

Movement toward this situation, notes an exchange, has been under way ever since the shift from animal power to mechanical power began following the First World War.

In the 15 year period between 1931 and 1946, for instance, the number of persons gainfully employed in agriculture on the prairies declined by more than 17 per cent, but in the same period there was an increase by more than seven per cent in actual acreage and an even greater increase

in the general level of productivity. In redistribution of a smaller labor force over a larger acreage in that 15 year term, the average acreage handled per man increased by more than 41 per cent—from 247 acres per man to 349 acres.

As mechanization increased so did the average size of farms. In the 15-year period under review the number of farms in the prairie provinces of less than a section in size dropped by more than 10 per cent and the number of them with more than a section increased by more than 17 per cent.

These figures, it is emphasized, are averages for the three prairie provinces as a whole. As a result they include mixed farming regions in the parklands and irrigated areas, where individual holdings are much smaller.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Royal salutes around the world celebrate the accession of H. M. the King this date 1936.

The prospects of a White Christmas will boost the lagging sales of children's sleighs.

Princess Elizabeth has accepted the appointment of honorary patron of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association.

With the Christmas rush in full swing and reduced staff, postmen must feel that they are earning every cent of their pay increase.

There must be something especially attractive in the Island that induces two Maine boys to run away from home in the car of one of their parents to spend Christmas here.

It takes no wizard to forecast that there will be disagreements on certain subjects to be discussed between Churchill and Truman. What would be news would be an authoritative statement there would be no disagreement.

A level crossing fatality in Ontario brings this prudent advice for motorists. If stalled on such a crossing the thing to do is not try to re-start the engine but shift to reverse and back off using the starter for power.

No City Council has authority to impose a public holiday on its citizens. The most it can do is to declare one, leaving it to the individuals concerned to observe it or not.

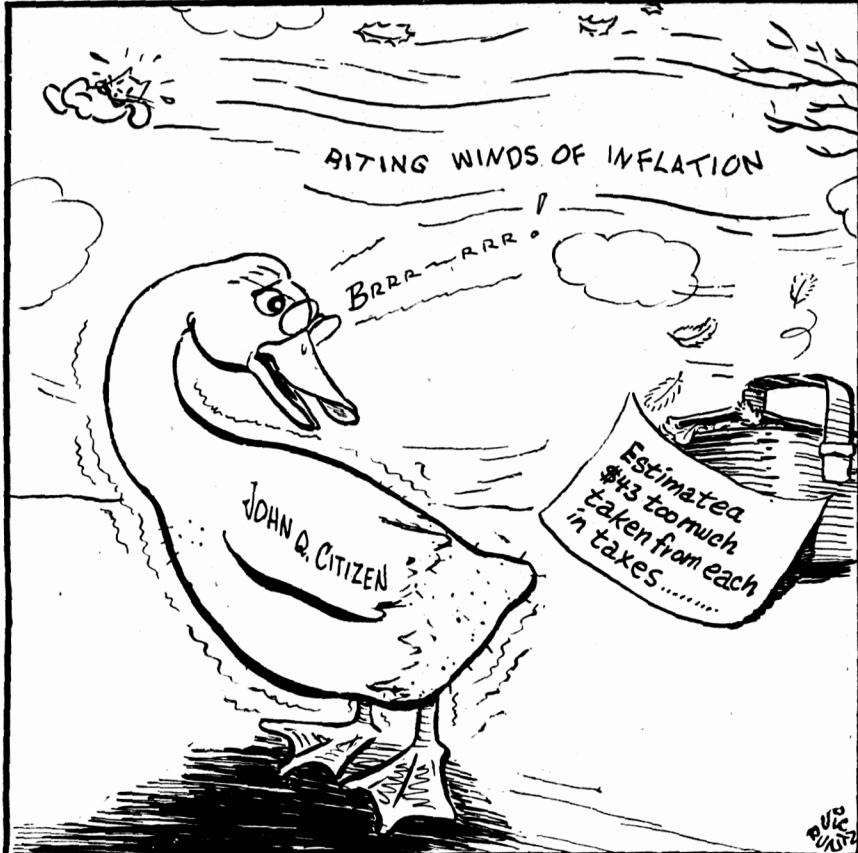
Next year will see accomplished the revision of the Statutes of Canada, the Criminal Code and the Statutes of Prince Edward Island so that for a time at least it will be possible to determine the statute law on almost any subject without delving into ancient history.

Production Minister Howe's description of Canada's armament programme as the biggest in peacetime history is true but calculated to cause undue complacency.

Prime Minister Churchill is able to take a double-length Parliamentary adjournment until January 9 because, unlike his predecessor, Mr. Attlee, he has no vast and intricate plans for regulating British industrial life.

As a sequel to the census, Nova Scotia is likely to lose one seat in Parliament, Manitoba two seats, and Saskatchewan five. Three of the seats in jeopardy are those of Agriculture Minister Gardner, C. C. F. Leader Coldwell, and P. C. J. G. Diefenbaker.

Overplucked



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.

STREET REPAIRS

Sir, — I noticed in The Guardian a picture of a new cattle pen which was erected on Belmont Avenue this Fall. I did not notice any pictures of the wonderful street which is in front of those cattle pens.

It is bad enough to have our City Council allow cattle pens to be built on our city streets, but at least they might make the streets passable to the residents by putting ashes or gravel on same.

This is one of the many streets in our city which really needed attention this past summer and received none. What it needs now to make it passable is gravel or ashes and not that red mud which was put on other streets this Fall.

I am, Sir, etc., CHARLES E. WORTH, Belmont Ave., Charlottetown.

A NATIONAL POLICY NEEDED

Sir, — Your editorial of Dec. 8, under the heading of Price Supports, to my mind deserves more than just a passing glance; and if there is to be a shortage in any one of the many agriculture products certainly it will not be the farmers that are hurt.

Now it is pork and pork products that are being given away. As far as the producer is concerned, while the pork is not bringing anything near the cost of production, the packers' dividends are evidently going higher and higher.

I am, Sir, etc., W. B. McLELLAN, Alma, P. E. I.

SPENDING CHRISTMAS

Sir, — A year has rolled by since I wrote about Christmas 1950, and once more what about this happy season? Are we going to spend it at home in a nice, quiet way, watching the clock strike the midnight hour and thinking of man's redemption, of Christ the King coming in this dark hour when the teeth of nations are being sharpened to razor edges and the blood of hatred boils through the veins of war-crazed humans who hate their fellow men more and more each day?

Let us make our homes, however humble, a place where our fathers and mothers will see the midnight coming of Christ in the

Notes By The Way

Deer hunting has been banned in Southern Ontario by the Department of Lands and Forests. No reason is given, but many farmers have opposed deer hunting on the ground that it would be dangerous for them and their livestock.

The commanding officer of the French aircraft carrier Lafayette at Philadelphia, according to the weekly France-Amerique, recently sent a rush order to Paris for pom-poms. Pom-poms are "little worsted balls which French blue jackets wear on the crowns of their traditional headgear."

Monster eels, up to 100 feet long, may be swimming in the deepest ocean waters, according to Hakon Mielche, a writer attached to the Danish round-the-world deep sea expedition. He said the expedition found six-foot-long larvae of eels at great depths off the Philippines.

American colleges in general have consciously been fostering an "evil system of commercialism and over-emphasis" — a system which offers an ideal climate for the fixing of basketball games.

Hunting season fatalities prompted some comment in newspapers in both Canada and the United States, but it was up to the Brantford Expositor to express jubilation when Ontario officials called off the deer hunting season in the southern portion of the province.

A Western paper calls attention to an almost incredible incident out that way, wherein a man who got himself an overload of juniper juice had to spend 10 days in the poky because he didn't have \$10 to pay the fine.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.) WINTERY BLASTS "The very fine weather which has prevailed during the whole of the Autumn, has suddenly changed into a regular North-wester, accompanied with a heavy fall of snow.

The manager of the Credit Union could also be the local agent of the Co-operative Insurance Company and when a person comes in to make a deposit or take out a loan, or to do some other business, he could also renew his automobile or fire insurance policy or discuss general insurance problems.

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Lessons From Europe In Community Progress

By Leo P. Melsaac Part Three (continued) (All Rights Reserved)

CREDIT, FINANCE AND INSURANCE

Credit, finance and insurance is a specialized field of business which requires special aptitudes and special training. And it is really all one field—money and finance. All services cannot be provided through one organization, but on the local level in this Province these might form a most satisfactory combination.

We must emphasize the fact that in this field, too, a splendid job was done in the early days. There was then no other method; the proposal of a small credit union in each community to provide small loans and encourage small savings was then highly recommended.

The credit-buying and installment-payment system is now widespread. Its long range effect is to increase the boom and to further depress the slump. Our approach to credit today should not be based on the narrow or pessimistic idea that the farmers or working classes are the down-trodden class and that they will never be in a position to pay reasonable rates of interest for credit or a fair rate of remuneration for an efficient insurance service.

The important points are that people do have control of their savings and that they can obtain credit, when they really need it, without too much inconvenience.

It is our belief that the time has come for an over-all plan of amalgamation. Our local credit unions must be established as full-time, efficient credit organizations in the business centers of the Province, each with at least a manager on a full-time basis.

There are, at least, three distinct advantages to this: instead of the dairy having to last and mail several hundred or perhaps several thousand cheques per month, only several dozen would have to be issued, stamped, and mailed, thus decreasing overhead costs in the business.

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ANCIENT ART BROCKVILLE, Ont. — (CP) — William Haas, native of Denmark now living in Brockville, is believed to be the only silversmith in Ontario. There are only a few experts in Canada in the ancient art of producing hand-made sterling silver flatware.

Recommended Reading Boyle, George: Democracy's Second Chance. Boyle, George: The Poor Man's Prayer. Bruce, A. C.: Economics of Soil Conservation; Consumer Co-operative Leadership. Derrick, Paul: Lost Property. Fowke, V. C.: Canadian Agricultural Policy. Giles, R. Y.: Credit for the Millions. Schaddi, Dr. M.: Principles of Co-operative Medicine. Ward, Leo: United for Freedom. (To be continued)

The Poet's Corner THE BLIND Behind the varnished eyes of blind men rise What neon sounds, what technical noises? Within the cars, what red and green surprise Rockets and bursts before our quiet voices? A door slams, and the thick brown mass explodes Softly within the cupboard of the brain. Footsteps make flat designs on the mind's roads, A sharp grey stripes and streaks — the head with pain.

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