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Wrong Diagnosis

Inflation, like the measles, manifests itself in a variety of forms. Sometimes the disease is short-lived and may be cured by relatively simple treatment.

Official Ottawa's failure to recognize the nature of the particular inflation virus which now infects the country explains why, despite the heavy dose of tax medicine and credit controls which have been administered, the cost-of-living thermometer continues to rise.

When Finance Minister Abbott brought down the Budget last Spring the remedies for Canada's economic malady suggested very clearly that in the opinion of the experts at Ottawa this country was suffering from too-much-credit inflation, coupled with the danger of complications should too-few-goods inflation follow when defence production got into its stride.

Cost-of-production inflation results from violent increases in public expenditure and is characterized by ever increasing taxes. Since nearly all taxes become costs of production, much higher prices are frozen into wages, food costs, transportation costs, and the whole productive fabric of the country.

Once Bitten

Last year, notes an exchange, many well-meaning persons signed the Stockholm petition. Despite repeated warnings, they failed to realize that in doing so they were serving the ends of the Communists.

A similar trap has been baited now. This time it is an "appeal" for the conclusion of a pact of peace by the five Great Powers. The campaign is as fraudulent as certain of Hitler's offers in the years before the war.

"Peace supporters in Edmonton, Regina and Winnipeg, Canada, are vying with one another in the collection of signatures to the Appeal. The Canadian Peace Congress has challenged peace partisans in Great Britain to a competition for the canvassing of signatures."

The Congress is of course an organization of Communists and their dupes. The title "peace partisan" is one which the Communists have appropriated for their own purposes.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In ten years the population of Montague has increased from 769 to 1,058, Souris from 1,114 to 1,176, while Georgetown has decreased from 769 to 760.

We are being counted out of the Mar-

time competition for army training ground, because, forsooth, our Province is only twice the size of the territory required! But, properly organized, we could train the whole shooting match in less than a third of the region estimated.

Yesterday Princess Margaret got a green sports car for her 21st birthday. She wanted a red one but the King and Queen objected.

Many days of summer yet lie ahead but each is shorter than the one before. It is at this time of year that Daylight Saving should really prove its worth.

The Provincial public speaking contest for junior farmers has become quite an institution and one which should prove of value to the community as well as the participants.

The report about United Kingdom children shipping Christmas presents to northern Newfoundland and Labrador is a useful reminder that the Old Country is by no means wholly on the receiving end of the "bundles" business.

No thief is meaner than the one who steals possessions of those who have been evacuated by fire. It is to be hoped those who picked up "unconsidered trifles" at Saturday's conflagration will have the grace to return them to their rightful owners.

It is not altogether true that the means test is to be abolished for those over seventy. Those receiving war veterans' allowances have them reduced by the old age pensions received by the veteran and his wife.

We are to have another Trade and Industries Fair under the direction of the Y's Men's Club next month. This entails a lot of voluntary work and direction on the part of an enterprising organization, and everyone in a position to do so should endeavour to help along a good cause.

Summerside did itself proud yesterday, and attracted hundreds of people from all quarters to help it to celebrate a great and memorable event. They are great co-operators in Summerside, and work as one man in putting anything over big. They reap what they sow.

No fewer than 176 Income Tax officials in the Montreal district are under notice to quit because they do not fit into the reorganization of the department. The dismissal notices, which gave the employees a month's warning, came as a complete surprise to many of the workers, some of whom had served for eight years with the department.

The royal tour committee will soon be making a flying visit to confer on arrangements with Island officials. The double purpose of allowing as many as possible to see the Princess and Prince and the royal couple to have as pleasant a visit as possible requires the careful consideration of possibly conflicting aims.

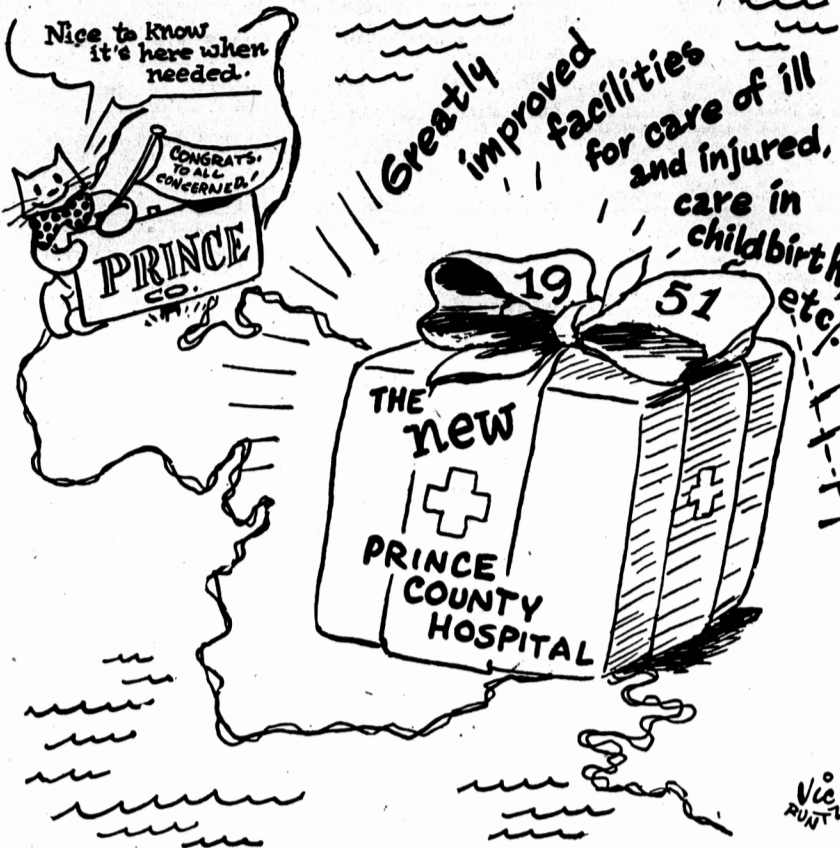
Mr. E. Manning Bagnall who has received well-merited promotion to the management of the F. J. Brennan Co. Ltd., Saint John, N. B., will be greatly missed in business and financial circles where he has enjoyed the reputation of being one of our foremost boosters.

Not a few citizens viewing the vacancy between Grafton and Kent Streets are suggesting that there is an ideal spot for the Federal Building, currently designated for the block bounded by Richmond, Queen, Sydney and Pownall Streets.

Warren Hastings, first governor-general of India, died this date 1818. For the East India Company and for India he proved a wise and far-seeing administrator, instituting reforms in government and courts which were taken as models by his successors.

Who would have imagined we had a large export business of green beans? But there it is, someone has had the initiative to introduce the cultivation of string beans on a large scale, and already a hundred tons are being exported from King's County to be processed in the Annapolis Valley.

Package For Prince



PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

AN AWFUL MESS

Sir,—I hear people complain of the state of society. They complain about politics being corrupt, drinking on the increase, women losing their dignity, dishonesty winked at, a general lowering of the moral level, etc. So I ask them—Are you going to do anything about it? Well I do not think that we will be able to pull ourselves out of it.

Old Charlottetown

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The Poet's Corner

UNSTOOPING Low on his fours the Lion Treads with the surly Bear But Men straight upward from the dust

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Notes By The Way

Hurled through the air at 500 miles an hour, cameras in low-flying jet planes can now produce scenes so sharp that, in one case, the U.S. Air Force reported that an ace could be seen in the hand of a man playing cards on the ground. Air Force airmen, flying at 40,000 feet, recently made a continuous coast-to-coast, horizon-to-horizon photographic map that covered the United States along a 2,700-mile strip, 400 miles wide, and they did it in seven hours.

She wanted a new ice box, and her method of going about this was a very pretty thing to watch. One evening the ginger ale would be lukewarm and, with an abject apology, she would say the freezing unit no longer was up to ginger ale. On another day, claims would be suggested as a soothing Summer dish, but, speaking pittingly to abysmal ignorance, she would declare claims unwise, since they carry within themselves a virulent type of poison that could be held in check only by thorough refrigeration.

Switzerland celebrated the 660th anniversary of its independence on August 1, when the entire population took part in the observance with beacon fires from the mountaintops signalling the birth of the Confederation. The world's oldest republic takes a fierce pride in its independence. It is so determined to preserve it that all adult males among the 4½-million population are members of the army reserve, and keep their equipment at home ready for instant employment.

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