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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

The Air For All

Following the air collision at Moose Jaw between an R. C. A. F. training plane and T. C. A. North Star there was a good deal of criticism of service and private aircraft operating in the line of flight of a scheduled airliner.

The Canadian Owners and Pilots Association, however, has taken the view that present flying regulations are adequate for safety if properly enforced.

Common sense is on the side of the pilots and small aircraft owners. If every fatal accident is to result in drastic restrictions on the freedom of the air, then the development of air transport will be very seriously hampered indeed.

If China Were The Enemy

Many observers of Far Eastern affairs are prone to conclude from China's vast population and great land mass that as a potential aggressor she constitutes a menace as great even as that of the Soviet Union.

In a paper prepared for a Staff College lecture at Toronto and published in Economic Digest of London, Col. Goforth points in the first instance to China's acknowledged transport weakness.

Her strategic position is further weakened by the tremendous strain imposed on what transport facilities do exist by virtue of the fact that 80 per cent of her present trade, instead of the 8 per cent before the Mao regime seized power, is with Russia.

Significant is Col. Goforth's reference to the temperament of the Chinese people which, as a longtime resident of that country, he knows well.

Place For The Atlas

Atlases can be had in various sizes. Small atlases are desirable in that they can be treated like any other kind of book. They are undesirable because the places sought on the maps are too small to see with the naked eye, or are not there at all.

The larger the atlas, the larger the maps. The larger the maps, the more useful the atlas in finding places. The more places that can be found, the more helpful the owner of the atlas can be to school-age children and neighbors without atlases who want places located before going to bed.

Architects do not have atlases in mind when they build our new style houses, declares the Vancouver News Herald. So when bookcases are installed seldom is there shelf space deep enough to receive them.

side on top of other books, it will be unrepresentable. If left on the living-room table it will be all out of proportion to the other books there.

The popular place for an atlas, therefore, is on the floor. But when it is on the floor it will gather dust and get in the way. The person responsible will be asked whether it has to stay there and whether there is not some other less conspicuous place.

Even when a closet or some other space is found where the atlas can be hidden it will not be long before somebody wants to know the location of Madagascar or the Orkney Islands. Then the atlas will be brought out and left exposed to view.

We have garages for automobiles. So when architects are designing houses, why cannot they solve a difficult problem of the householder for all time by including a building large enough to hold an atlas?

Confusion About Unemployment

The number of Canadians unemployed, according to the Federal Labor Department's latest figures, stands at 549,028. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, meanwhile, estimates that only 303,000 are looking for work. Such wide discrepancies in official figures are baffling to anyone seeking the true facts about unemployment.

According to MacLean's Ottawa correspondent, Blair Fraser, the confusion which surrounds the employment situation is deliberate. The Government, says Mr. Fraser, just doesn't want it known how much unemployment there really is lest potential investors be frightened away and the country talk itself into a full-blown depression.

The real reason for Ottawa's seeming indifference to the unemployment situation, however, would seem to lie elsewhere. Concealing the facts will accomplish nothing. Investors and industries which plan plant expansion will find out quickly enough for themselves what the true picture is.

The first of those factors is labor itself, which through excessive wage demands has succeeded in pricing Canadian goods out of world markets. That the resulting decline in exports should cause unemployment is inevitable.

Government policy aimed at encouraging labor to hold the line on wages, together with a realistic reappraisal of foreign economic policy, would quickly resolve the worst aspects of the unemployment problem.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Argentina's Independence Day (May Revolution, 1810).

This peaceful Island seems to have been anything but peaceful over the weekend. Violence is no part of our way of life and it is to be hoped that there are not more subnormal citizens who will yield to the power of suggestion to do likewise.

Although it is a case of carrying coal to Newcastle, New Brunswick craftsmen may be obliged to import wood because of inability to buy suitable wood in required thicknesses for their handicraft work. Such, at least, is the implication of a report to that Province's branch of the Canadian Handicraft Guild.

This Province, which was long plagued by problems of land ownership will sympathize with those still faced by Nyasaland. Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, British Secretary of State for the Colonies, has decided that European-owned land in Nyasaland, occupied by African tenants, shall be acquired by the Nyasaland Government.

Gustav Theodore Holst, English composer, died this date 1934. Of Swedish extraction on his father's side, he followed his father's profession of organist and choirmaster. He worked, for a time as trombonist, learning about orchestras from the inside, and held important teaching positions. Some of his more important works are "The Planets", orchestral suite; "Hymn to Jesus", choral; "Ode to Death"; "The Perfect Fool", an opera; "At the Boar's Head", a Shakespearean opera; "Choral Symphony", to Keat's words; and "Music for Massfield's mystery play, 'The Coming of Christ.'"

PUBLIC FORUM

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

THE POTATO PLEBISCITE

Sir.—The imminent plebiscite determining the continuation of other wise of the Marketing Board has been discussed previously, so much that further comment is unjustified by the Board's superfluous and boring. However, we must risk criticism in this regard to sound a warning.

Canada has been an oasis in a world laid waste with an economic war. We on this island have occupied a neutral position in maintaining social and economic equilibrium.

When emigrants from the old world came and organized the few malcontents that are indigenous to every state no matter how well situated, attempted to disrupt our marketings, it did not take our farmers long to advise them to get off this island while they still had good health.

It has not been retained, and if it is not retained, it will be as if we had other such legal wedges in human liberty it could mean that the very farmers who elect its officials to office will be the first victims of unusual and uninhibited authority.

The improved market value of our potatoes at present would seem to indicate that the advertised enormous surplus was non-existent, and that the frantic efforts by the present board to dump our potatoes on any obtainable market at almost any price was unnecessary and damaging.

We agree that if any number of group of our farmers wish to organize, and solicit membership to create a potato marketing board and have legislation to that effect, we have every right to that effect.

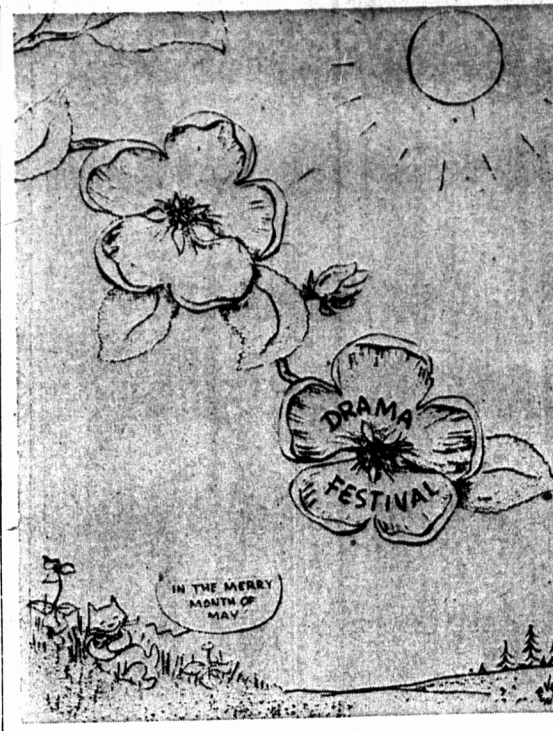
The provisions of this act as outlined by Mr. Thomas in his informative letter in the issue of May 21st of your valuable paper will point out the despotic power placed in the hands of the board, which if implemented in full could mean the cessation of all liberty of action on our independent Island farms.

We would like to see some of the aid and energy spent in finding young farmers to occupy the many vacant farms, the staring glassless windows of whose homes decrease our countryside. This would require care of selection and government subsidy, but would be well worth while as the many useless expenditures which we are now forced to endure.

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Sir.—In answer to the letter "Disfranchised" and signed "Independent Fox", it goes to prove to the potato producers that only 7,000 growers in this Province are allowed to vote on the potato plebiscite, therefore the rest of us growers are disfranchised. The writer says "I played it smart" by selling my potatoes before the Board began to operate. Would Mr. Fox rather sell his potatoes for 55 cents a sack of 75 lbs. than for \$1.40 per 75 lbs. sack? I sold for a difference in price of 84 cents? Too much to lose in advertising a potato that



Spring Blossoming

The Age Old Story

Let both grow together until the harvest; and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn.

has made a name for itself as the best in Canada. Mr. Fox drops the subject and then refers to politics. I assume he wants to know something about the by-election that was held in the Belfast District last September.

I was perfectly satisfied with their decision knowing the kind of propaganda that was broadcast against me. My defeat was an honorable one and the starch in my collar will stand up much longer as I always stood up for justice and freedom.

I am, Sir, etc. J. LEO PRAUGHT

THE MARKETING BOARD

Sir,—I have read in your valuable paper several letters for and against this Board. I voted for this Board as a farmer and I am convinced it is the best step forward made by the farmers of Prince Edward Island.

I do not claim to be a prophet or the son of a prophet, but I went West in 1905 and returned in 1946 to my old home Province. Now during that time most of my life was spent farming. I also was a grain buyer for a farmers' organization, namely the United Grain Growers, for a number of years.

When I moved around the Island and found out how far behind they were in co-operation there was only one conclusion I could come to: that was that the Wise Men of the East had all gone West. So I attended the Federal meetings and was in full accord with the bringing in of the Potato Marketing Board.

Now this Board is of very little use without someone to look after the selling end of it. So the Government passed laws giving permission to set up this Board and understand the men were appointed by the Government to look after this.

The Government knows from experience that the Board would be useless unless they had power to handle it to the best interest of all. So the power was granted and I think the license is a fair way. I am not here to say what the price of this license should be, but I am satisfied to abide by the Board ruling, as I believe in democracy and have had a considerable lot to do in this line in organization work in grain marketing.

I think for the time this Board has been in operation it has done a good job for the people they serve. I am sure anyone will agree if it had not been for the Board this season the farmers would be in a lot worse position than they are, especially the small farmer. Those who condemn are or have been large growers and some of them dealers. So naturally they do not like to have their business interfered with. But as for being sorry for the other fellow or coming under dictatorship they know better or are they more ignorant than they appear? There are some very fine business men in the potato business as well as any other business. But you always find a few bad potatoes in the sack and to my way of thinking they resemble some dealers.

I note in one letter a remark about James Gardiner being down here and that he was responsible for this Board and that Jimmie had written out a cheque for the wheat growers of his constituency for sixty-five million dollars. That is far from the truth. That was

Old Charlottetown

From the P. E. I. Register, March 11, 1928. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to appoint Robert Hodgson, Esq., Barrister, etc., to the office of Surrogate and Judge of Probates, by Commission bearing date the 21st day of February.

Our attention was attracted one day last week by the unwonted spectacle of a flag waving over the dingy roof of the Gaol. On inquiring the reason, we were not a little pleased to learn that it had been emptied of the last of its involuntary inmates, which had called forth this ebullition of gladness.

Messrs. B. De St. Croix, Francis Longworth and Richard Yates, Justices appointed to regulate the Assize of Bread, announce the following regulations: the half-penny loaf, to weigh 1 lb. 5 oz. 6 dr; the six-penny loaf, do, to weigh 2 lb. 10 oz. 12 dr; the shilling loaf, do, to weigh 5 lb. 5 oz. 8 dr.

J. Bowes, merchant, announces having received, per the Sir Walter Scott (arrived at Three Rivers) the remainder of his winter supply, consisting of a variety of "fur caps, elegant silk shawls and ladies' handkerchiefs, cravats, cotton wool, violin strings, etc., a small assortment of perfumery; also wine, gin, olives and brandy fruits in cases; walnuts, almonds, currants, lemons and oranges; seal-ring wax and wafers; an assortment of large and elegant framed pictures; knives and forks, needles and buttons; real Spanish cigars, wine boxes of real sole leather, and other articles; also on hand, teas, groceries, a pipe of Port wine, seal and codfish oils, etc."

the farmers' own money, accumulated through the handling of their own grain through the wheat board. I could give a lot of information on this but will not at this time as we are dealing with potatoes. I am not a potato grower myself, never was, but may grow a few in the future if so inclined but from past experience I am willing to co-operate with my fellow farmers for anything that is for his benefit helps me also in my own line of farming.

I listened to the broadcast by Mr. Roland MacDonald. In his remarks he spoke of the B.C. Marketing Board. I remember in the early thirties they could not sell their fruit as the farmers on the prairies had no money to buy anything.

The United Grain Growers got permission from the Board of Transport Commissioners to ship farm products as well. They bought the fruit, paid men to pick and load into box cars, paid the freight on it and we grain buyers had the farmers bring in their sacks and they received the fruit free. But they only shipped a few cars when the business men brought so much pressure on the railroads that the order was cancelled. The fruit went to waste while the people went hungry, that is how much business is concerned about the farmer. So Mr. Farmer, keep your own board and go forward to better times ahead.

I am, Sir, etc. S. G. GILLESPIE (Sr.) Stone Cottage Farm, Springfield.

DEMOCRATIC MARKETING

Sir.—We hear a lot of talk about freedom in regard to our Potato Marketing Board. To me it is just another law in our democratic way of life, very much like our traffic and other laws we couldn't do without.

Some think we owe our dealers so much. I don't think we should worry too much about them; they make three or four profits on every bag of fertilizer they sell, a profit on fertilizer, interest on the money and a profit on the potatoes. The farmer gets what is left. This goes on with some until the farmer is discouraged then there is a sale.

Some lament about having to buy a license which doesn't amount to much, just a way to control the industry. You have to buy a license for your car and if you don't have, you lose it. It is of no use growing more than there is a profitable market for. What we want is a selling agency for the

NOTES BY THE WAY

The world is so full of a number of things — and we surely must be paying instalments on them all. — Brandon Sun.

For self-confidence no one can beat the man who does crossword puzzles with a pen. — Brantford Expositor.

Even if you have a fight with your conscience and get beaten you are still the winner. — Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Paraguay is the first of the American republics to have a revolution since the recent conference. But this revolt does not seem to be of the Red character marking movements in Guatemala and in British Caribbean colonies.

One of the problems which most engross the attention of the modern world — and rightly so — is that of the universal standard of living. On this continent, as we cannot too often remind ourselves, we are fortunate to have a standard of living which is as high as, or even higher than, that in any other country of the world.

In both Canada and the United States, remarkable strides have been taken during the last generation in the provision of new facilities for the treatment of those suffering from mental illness. This is partly due to a gradual change in the public attitude from uncaring apathy to enlightened interest. It seems a long way back to the day when the average person thought there were two kinds of people in the world, sane and insane, and that the latter were beyond hope and should be simply locked away.

It isn't many years ago that people would have thought a person forecasting 20,000,000 people for Canada was a bragging boaster with no head for facts. Now Rhyu M. Sale, president of Ford of Canada, is estimating 22,000,000 population for 1975. That would mean an increase of a little better than 300,000 people a year in the intervening twenty-one years. As we've been growing at about that rate for the past five years or so, the estimate is conservative if anything. Actually no Canadian of any vision would now doubt that Canada will grow to a population of 50,000,000, with the secure knowledge that we have the resources, the power and the financial resources to provide that many people with a high standard of living. — Lethbridge Herald.

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We like to get our young people well educated and there would be a good many of them who would like to come back to the farm if we were getting our just share of the nation's wealth. We are producers of the most essential thing in the world — food.

The decision on the plebiscite is very far reaching indeed, so let us consider it very carefully. I think it is time we found the proper place and not be crowded out by the big and careless. We have been "small potatoes" long enough. Only by giving the Board a big vote can we hope to grow big. This problem applies to our other farm products as well. When we get our Potato Marketing Board, others across Canada will follow. It's going to take some time, so let us be patient.

I know a letter without a name is like a hammer without a handle, but I still get my fertilizer and sell my potatoes through a dealer and I don't wish to get in any useless argument. I have tried to cover as much ground with as few words as possible, so I ask few farmers to consider it carefully. I am, Sir, etc. ANOTHER FARMER Freetown, P. E. I.

In the garden in front of the Church of St. Mary Aldermanbury in London someone has placed a laurel wreath at the base of the monument dedicated to the memory of John Heminge and Henry Condell, Shakespeare's fellow-actors, friends, and first editors of his plays. Both lived in the parish and lie buried in the church, as do their wives and many of their children. The monument is crowned with a bust of Shakespeare and on the panels are quoted passages from the preface in the First Folio, including that affectionate sentence which states that they published the plays "only to keep the memory of so worthy a friend and fellow alive as was our Shakespeare." The garden is neatly laid out, the daffodils and tulips are in bloom, the bushes just beginning to show life and the hedge of laurels is budding. — Manchester Guardian.

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The Poet's Corner

THE SONG OF SHADOWS

Sweep thy faint strings, Musician With thy long lean hand; Downward the stary tapers burn, Sink soft the waning sand; The old hound whimpers coughed in sleep. The embers shoulder low; Across the walls the shadows come, and go. Sweep softly thy strings, Musician, The minutes mount to hours; Frost on the windowless casement weaves A labyrinth of flowers; Ghosts linger in the darkening air, Hearken at the open door; Music hath called them, dreaming Home once more. —Walter de la Mare.

CRIMINALS PAROLED SALZBURG, Austria (Reuters) —Lt. Gen. William H. Arnold, commander of U.S. forces in Austria, Monday paroled the five remaining convicted war criminals held in the American zone of Austria. They were two Hungarian members of the German-Hungarian SS troops and three Austrians.

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