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"Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew"

"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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The Joy Of Easter

At Easter we have passed the threshold of the vernal equinox, a most advantageous place in which to remind ourselves of eternal truths. The earth is about to repeat the miracle of her never failing fruitfulness. The pilgrimage of the months begins. April and May, with "their showers sweet", will pierce winter's drought and sadness to the heart, and the summer sun will pour his procreative beams upon the land and make it bear its fruits in abundance for our maintenance and needs.

In this Province we are anticipating the coming spring and summer with keener appreciation, it will may be, than for many years. A difficult winter still lingers around us, but we have come through it, preserving our heart, our hope, and our courage for the work now opening up.

The shadow of the Cross falls most solemnly at this season; but already the worst is passed, its gloom is being dispersed. Death has come into the world and for the moment has had its triumph. But the triumph is brief. It is but the prelude to the ushering in of the full joy of Easter, the message of the risen Christ, the renewal of the hope of mankind. Never more needed, surely, than today.

Just as nature is stirred by the reviving strength of the sun, so is the human spirit refreshed in the plenitude of the gospel message, while the world moves gloriously forward into the promise of another year. May its benediction fall upon us all!

A Remarkable Achievement

It is to be hoped that the Federal Government and all concerned in our transportation requirements will duly note the figures issued by the Canadian vice consul at Boston, Mr. Roger R. Parlour, indicating that Prince Edward Island farm shipments to the New England States last year topped those of every other Province in the Dominion. Not only that, but they were nearly three times in excess of our nearest competitor, New Brunswick, and upwards of 90 percent of all the turnips arriving on the Boston market in 1951 were from this Province, with the strong preference for the quality of our product being well maintained.

Mr. Parlour is equally complimentary about the popularity of our potatoes. He refers to the increasing business which is being developed in strawberry shipments and predicts that sales to New England of many other varieties of Canadian farm products can be expanded.

One of the advantages we sacrificed at Confederation was our prosperous trade with the New England States, which we are now slowly regaining despite tariff barriers. We are doing this by our own enterprise in superior quality production, and all we require for further development along this line is improved transportation by truck, rail and water. Our tremendous possibilities in agricultural production should be regarded as a national asset, and every opportunity given us by Ottawa to expand them to the limit. This is the line our Federal and Provincial representatives should take in urging our transportation claims. Mr. Parlour's figures constitute a strong argument. So too do the figures just released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, showing that our cash farm income increased from \$21,800,000 in 1950 to \$26,800,000 last year—a five million dollar boost in twelve months.

Mr. Kickham's Suggestion

One of the most interesting addresses to emanate from Ottawa by our local M. P.'s is that of Mr. Thomas Kickham, appearing in today's Guardian. Himself engaged in the potato shipping business for several years, Mr. Kickham speaks authoritatively on this subject, and his suggestion that our growers establish their own purchasing and selling agencies in the large consumer centres is well worth consideration. He maintains that this could be done either through our co-operative organizations or the Potato Marketing Board, and that our growers could thus set the level of the price paid to producers by wholesalers and eventually by retailers. A marketing setup of this kind, he believes, although established in only one large centre, would result in setting a general price level to the producers.

Mr. Kickham also emphasizes the need for greater efficiency in the packaging of

potatoes, turnips and other Island farm products. His full address appears on our eastern page and should be studied carefully by all interested in farm marketing problems.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Easter Eve.

Tomorrow Easter Day.

"Rotation" has become a happy reality for some of our gallant troops from Korea and for their families here.

Another minor general election in May for seven vacancies in Parliament. The Government must feel pretty secure in taking this second test of their popularity.

It is now proposed that not more than one-seventh of a can of lobsters can be liquid, and meat inspection regulations are to be amended to that extent.

"The Greatest Show On Earth" as represented by Ringling Bros. and by Barnum and Bailey Circus has turned to newspaper advertising for almost 100 per cent of the job of selling the big show.

It cannot be protested that the two representatives of Queen's in the Legislature have been silent members in the past session. Both Dr. MacMillan and ex-Mayor Earle MacDonald made their presence felt.

Washington is suffering from an outbreak of rabies amongst foxes. Mad foxes have attacked people even in bed and on the streets. If they are red ones, the matter might have international repercussions.

Our cattle breeders, with Dr. Lantz, and Mr. H. J. Kennedy at their head, are pursuing a progressive policy in arranging for a double show next year, one for fat stock generally and another for pure breeds.

Our ice-bound shore no longer exists, for the flocks have taken their departure, at least most of them have, so that we may look forward to our tourist hotels and cottage owners making an early start for the reception of guests. The coming season promises to be exceptionally good.

Outdoor work is fairly plentiful these days. Contractors—have to compete with the well-paid armed forces for help, recruiting going on apace among well set-up, healthy youths of an adventurous turn of mind, wanting to see some more of the world than their native Island.

The proposal of the MacQuarrie Committee that use be made of court injunctions to quash combines and monopolies is not without dangers. In the United States considerable use is made of that extraordinary remedy as a weapon against labour and the result has been to draw the courts into industrial disputes in a way which lowers the esteem in which they have been held.

James Louis Garvin, British journalist, was born this date 1868. He early acquired a wide knowledge of English and European literature. He began work in the corn trade but soon switched to journalism, writing for the "Newcastle Chronicle", "Fortnightly Review", "National", and "Quarterly" before becoming editorial writer and later editor of the "Daily Telegraph". His three-volume "Life of Joseph Chamberlain" is compared favorably with Morley's "Life of Gladstone". His influence extended far beyond the shores of his own country.

The Royal Air Force will by next year be the largest of Britain's three armed services. Manpower will be increased to 297,000 by April 1953—a 20 per cent rise over the present figure. Front-line fighter and bomber strength will be stepped up. Britain, which will spend the equivalent of \$3.8 billion on defence during the coming year, will make the biggest increase in air strength in tactical air units for Western European defence. The Second Tactical Air Force in Europe is to include squadrons equipped with the new Venom jet fighter.

Modernization, new products and new markets forecast a picture of high-level capital spending for a long time to come, according to a McGraw-Hill survey. Businessmen were asked to state how much they would spend in 1953-1955 if business stays reasonably good. The overwhelming reason for big capital expenditure in the future is replacement and modernization. The chemical industry will extend capacity for both new and present products, and a majority of companies in the electrical machinery, auto, and transport equipment industries is planning more capacity for present products. Much depends on profits—after taxes.

Happy Easter!



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.

FEDERATION POLICIES

Sir,—Lately I notice the Federation of Agriculture have not come out with a statement regarding some of their men who were supposed to have gone to Newfoundland to see what was wrong with the trade. I have heard many members talking about this until I decided to find out for myself. Our Federation is the one and only organization which can do something for the farmers and I hope that those running it will do all they can to keep it that way. At the price pigs, cattle, eggs, poultry, etc. are today, I think it is about time the organization tried everything possible in the way of helping or promoting anything to help the farmers. Would it be asking too much by a member, why some statement cannot be given by the president? I am, Sir, etc. ST. PETER'S FARMER.

FOUR QUEENS

Sir,—Today I saw Juliana, Queen of the Netherlands, coming from the classical map-pillared Seth-Low Library of Columbia University, a newly created Doctor of Law. Many years ago, some time in the twenties, I was one of a crowd of undergraduate students who followed Queen Marie of Roumania, as she crossed the campus after receiving the same honorary degree. I thought of the two Elizabeths I had seen on their visits to P. E. I. one a queen then, the other so tragically soon to be a queen. I tried to find something significant in the manner and appearance of these four queens that would seem to relate to different attitudes toward queenship of different countries and different times. The first queen, Marie of Roumania, was certainly the most glamorous. I can never forget how beautiful she was in her purple velvet turban and gold chiffon gown and gold slippers and stockings. She smiled at us all like a woman supremely conscious of her womanly charms. She carried herself with the arrogance of most, of one used to unquestioned obedience. There was something theatrical about her. Perhaps the effect was heightened by the flowing colorful Oxford robes of the then president, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler who accompanied her. The last queen, Juliana of the Netherlands, was the exact opposite of Queen Marie of Roumania. She looked as breezy and informal as any pleasant, intelligent house-wife of the U. S. or Canada. She wore a silver-fox jacket (probably presented to her in Canada) over a dark dress. Her hat was not particularly "chic". It was dark and had a large pink rose drooping on one side, and a black rose on the other. Her carriage was not at all royal. It was rather like that of their first youth; a bit round-shouldered and slouchy. But her smile was warm and friendly and entirely self-conscious. I think back now to that visit, just before the war, of Elizabeth, Queen of England, now Queen-mother. Was the manner in which she carried herself, erect yet not unbending; her smile, the gracious one of a Queen, yet sweet and kind too; her clothes carefully chosen for dignity; the reflection of the British Empire before the war, or simply an expression of her own personality? Certainly Elizabeth of England left an impression far different from the self-assurance of Marie of Roumania or the informal friendliness of Juliana of Holland. Finally I recall Princess Elizabeth, now Queen of England, so appealingly young and uncertain. Was this uncertainty only a matter of youth and inexperience, or was it related to the changing

The Age-Old Story

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. . . . Now if we are dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

roles of countries and queens in this year of 1952? Four queens, each so unique, each so interesting as a queen, and even more, as a person. I am, Sir, etc. RUHAMAH SCHEINFELD FRANK 431 Riverside Drive, New York City.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT

Sir,—As a former Free French airman I have been disgusted with your "Strange Bedfellows in France". As a Frenchman I am, after reading today's editorial, wondering at your purpose of systematically displaying of French policy showing up too much of ignorance about France.

I would very much appreciate to know if you think that such literature helps your readers in a true understanding of France and French people. I am, Sir, etc. G. F. MANOT, Lieutenant R. C. A. F. Station Summerside, April 10, 1952.

(We regret that our gallant correspondent misunderstood our attitude. Our intention was to indicate the pass to which the multiple party system has brought France, where a government is unable to hold without making vital concessions to one of the other elements. In this connection The London Spectator says: "Taxation must be increased, but the French Socialists, no less than their British opposites, are determined that taxation shall be made palatial for their electoral supporters. In other words taxation must be linked to a sliding scale of wage increases which would nullify most of the effect of the new tax rates. Two other remedies, a slowing-down of the re-armorment rate and an increase in American aid, have been conceded at Lisbon, but though they narrow the gap they do not close it. There remains only a fresh devaluation of the franc, which would only put off the day of reckoning by a few months. Of course there is one solution in France which is so obvious that it hardly gets mentioned. This is that Frenchmen should pay their existing taxes. If they did, there would be no real need to think up new ones." —Ed. G.) The Great Wall of China, built in 228 B.C. under Emperor Chin Shih Huang Ti, stretches for 1,400 miles.

The Poets Corner

BARNFLOOR AND WINEPRESS (2 Kings VI. 27)

Thou that on sin's wages starvest, Behold we have the joy of Harvest: For us was gathered the first-fruits For us was lifted from the roots, Shewn in cruel bands, bruised sore. Scourged upon the threshing-floor; Where the upper mill-stone roo'd His head. At morn we found the Heavenly Bread, And on a thousand Altars laid, Christ our Sacrifice is made.

Those whose dry plot for moisture gapes, We shout with them that tread the grapes; For us the Vine was fenced with thorn, Five ways the precious branches torn;

Terrible fruit was on the tree In the Acre of Gethsemane; For us by Calvary's distress The wine was rack-ed from the press; Now in our Altar vessels stored Is the sweet Vintage of our Lord.

In Joseph's garden they threw by The riv'n Vine, leafless, lifeless, dry; On Eastern Morn the Tree was forth,

In forty days reach'd Heaven from earth, Soon the whole world is overspread; We weary come into the shade.

The field where He has planted us Shall shake his boughs as Libanus, When He has sheaved us in His sheaf, When He has made us bear His leaf— We scarcely call that Banquet food, But even our Saviour's and our blood, We are so grafted on His wood. —Gerard Hopkins.

TIMES CHANGE

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Notes By The Way

An authority on music says that gins Cherubini's D-minor Symphony is dying. There is no evidence that the end is going to be a peaceful one. — Hamilton Spectator.

A new type of vacuum cleaner mixes mayonnaise, whips cream and grinds coffee. If on top of all that it peels potatoes, sharpens knives, opens cans, loas a cake and mixes the color in margarine, the inventor has something whether it cleans rugs or not.— Ottawa Citizen.

Sherbrooke, Que man has been convicted of having 4,860 cartons of American cigarettes in his possession. No smoker likes to get caught without a supply after the stores close, but this fellow kind of overdid it.— Windsor Star.

Queen Juliana of The Netherlands proved a good sport when she was given a room without bath at her hotel at Gander, Nfld. This was in keeping with her character as a simple, unpretentious person devoted to her family and her country.— Ottawa Citizen.

One of the loveliest sights in the world is Nature springing to life in the Springtime—the tulips and daffodils coming through the ground as the snow recedes, the grass showing hints of green, some of the trees already taking on the sober color that precedes foliage.— Ottawa Journal.

Manchester University's electronic brain—claimed to be the world's most powerful—has been taught to sing "God Save The Queen." The tune comes through a loudspeaker, but it is not a recording. The brain is given a coded version of the score, which it interprets, and then converts into wave-form sounds. The machine can also diagnose trouble inside itself and report exactly where it has gone wrong.— Brandon Sun.

At the conclusion of Arturo Toscanini's recent concert with the NBC Symphony the audience was puzzled when the maestro spent more time talking to the concert master, Mischa Mischakoff, than he did in acknowledging applause. His curiosity was aroused when he again devoted himself to the violin at his first curtain call. Some thought the violinist was being belated, but the truth is he was being thanked for a favor. The first work listed for the program was Kabalevsky's "Celas Breugnon" Overture, which begins with a downbeat, so Mr. Mischakoff scented danger when he saw the conductor preparing to open the concert with the upbeat that be-

lieved the show altogether was highly creditable to both growers and butchers, and the spirit of competition, which is now fully aroused, and will, we trust, continue to increase, is calculated to afford equal satisfaction to the lovers of good cheer, and the political economist, the one luxuriating in the present, and the other looking forward with increased hope to the future development of this branch of the resources of the Island." —The Islander, April 16, 1952.

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Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

EASTER MARKET

The competition which the prize ox of 2,535 lbs. live weight, exhibited on the Market Square recent was nothing in comparison to what met his carcass when exported in Market on Saturday last. Excellent as the beef was, it was fully equalled by several others; and in our opinion, and that of better judges, surpassed by one fatted by T. H. Haviland, Esq., exhibited by the same persons who purchased the prize ox—Messrs. Gleeson & McLaren; and the one that Mr. George Beer, Jr. exposed for sale, fed by Henry Longworth, Esq. Nor were the carcasses to be seen in the stalls of Messrs. Holman, Blake and McKenna, at all behind hand, but the contrary; and their owners were not far, if at all, wrong in labelling their respective meats "Equal to the prize ox". Mr. Dodd had beef which, at any other time, would have attracted attention.

"The mutton was such as would do credit to any market either in the old or new world. That produced by Mr. George Beer, Jr., weighing 108 lbs., was as fat as the animal could well be and live. There were several other carcasses of almost equal goodness and beauty. The veal raised by Mr. Tweedy was far superior to anything in that line we recollect to have seen exhibited here. There were two lambs, one by Mr. George Beer, and the other by Mr. Gleeson.

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