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City Hospital Pavilion

Several pages in today's issue are devoted to the new Pavilion at the Charlottetown Hospital, which is to be formally opened today. This is an important event to all concerned in the institution, and indeed to our citizens generally.

At the present time a new Prince County Hospital is under construction, and extensive additions are being made to the 'Prince Edward Island Hospital. The past few years have seen new hospitals opened at Montague, Souris and Alberton, new nurses' homes erected at the Prince Edward Island Hospital and Falconwood Hospital, and expansion and improvement in hospital facilities in other directions.

Prince Edward Island has moved into the van of progress in its public health programme, and the latest evidence of this achievement—the new Charlottetown Hospital Pavilion—is something in which all our people may take justifiable pride.

Planned Development

The carefully planned housing development on the Peake property is in the best tradition of careful estate sub-division of which we have a number of examples in this city. What is yet lacking, however, is an over-all plan for Charlottetown's growth into which the various particular developments would properly fit.

Farm Price Support

The following comment from Mr. Walt Porter, editor of the London "Farmer's Advocate", who is regarded as one of the soundest and best informed editors on agricultural topics, will be read with interest in this country:

"The low-price programme to which Canadian agriculture submitted during the war years is without a parallel anywhere in the world and simple justice demands that the sacrifice be rewarded by a fulfilment of the Government pledge to provide a measure of stability in after years when economic readjustments threatened to undermine farm income.

"It is more than a Government pledge. The Agricultural Prices Support Act was enacted by Parliament with unanimous consent. The demand for the application of that legislation in time of uncertainty is not asking a favour."

Farm food prices were held down during the war while most other commercial products were allowed to ride on an open market, and particularly most of the products the farmers had to buy for the successful operation of their business. That is the answer to arguments that the farmers are making unjustifiable demands for price supports at the present time.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, Ash Wednesday, Lent begins.

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forced them to take the long way round and they report road conditions very bad.

The official opening of the new Pavilion of the Charlottetown Hospital will be held today but it already proved its usefulness in the emergency following the Sporting Club fire.

Capt. Burke, who, with Mrs. Burke, has been wintering in Bermuda, intends returning here soon to pilot the plane that is to take our curlers to Vancouver for a series of matches before the close of the season.

Pancake Day may not see the using up of the last bit of fat in the household, but is at least an excuse to enjoy the tempting morsels with the satisfaction of following time honoured custom.

Ten year old Annie Steeves, Moncton's "Little Sweetheart of Song", who sings over CKCW, has a Charlottetown connection, her mother being the former Pauline Gesner, well-known here as a vocalist before removing to the railway hub.

The Boy Scout financial campaign has a modest Provincial objective, \$5,000. Any similar youth training would cost if handled, say by the Government, probably almost a hundred times as much. Their motto "Be Prepared."

The Public Utilities Commission hearing this morning is limited to determining the rate of earnings to be allowed the Maritime Electric Company Limited. Questions of obsolescence, depreciation and development of services, although important to a final determination of rates, are strictly out of order at this time.

No. 5 Branch of the Canadian Legion B. E. S. L., Summerside, has started publication of a monthly bulletin called "The Comrade." It is a brightly written, well edited, well printed production seven-and-a-half by nine-and-a-half, giving chatty news and comments together with the names of office-bearers and executive, as well as the chairmen and members of the various committees.

John Henry, Cardinal Newman, English ecclesiastic, born this date 1801. Was Vicar of St. Mary's, Oxford, when he went on a tour of Southern Europe. On his return he resigned his tutorship at Oxford to revive the Catholic spirit of the Anglican Church. He gathered round him a number of able men, and started "Tracts for the Times" which developed a subtle via media between Protestantism and Roman Catholics.

In Britain, the election on Thursday will not produce any immediate choice between continuation of the present international economic chaos and a move in the direction of the restoration of economic co-operation. As cynics in London point out, says The Letter-Review, the election will decide whether there is a Government led by Mr. Churchill or by Mr. Attlee, but back of either Mr. Churchill or Mr. Attlee there will still stand a bureaucracy deeply committed to unwise economic theories; convinced that Britain can restore her economic power by ingenious plans of an extreme Socialistic type; by foreign exchange controls, bilateral trade agreements, and all the rest of those nationalistic policies which tend to destroy the international commerce without which Britain cannot live.

The question of fire hazards in places of public assembly has been underlined by the conflagration at the Sporting Club last week. But the Charlottetown Board of Trade was in advance of public opinion in this matter. At a meeting of the Board council on January 10, it was decided to write the City Council suggesting that the appropriate City by-law be amended giving the building inspector authority to invoke the National Exit Code for this City, or, as an alternative, to have regulations drawn up under the Code for this City, as approved by the Council, and give the building inspector authority to enforce them in this regard.

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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.

ISLAND SOUVENIR

Sir,—Could any of your readers give me some information on the following. I have in my possession a coin, bearing the date 1857 and the words "Prince Edward Island" on one side, and "Government and Free Trade" on the other. The word before Government I cannot make out and I am only making a guess that the word before Trade is "Free". I would like to know if this is a piece of money, or just a souvenir piece, and what the words are which I cannot decipher. I am, Sir, etc., CLEM G. PETERS

PENSIONERS' NAMES

Sir,—I was much surprised, I may say amazed, last week to read a letter in The Guardian, signed "Members of Women's Institute" asking that a list of Old Age Pensioners be published. Once before I heard of such a request: being made. The request was made to Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan when he was leader of the Government, by a member of the then Opposition. Needless to say Dr. MacMillan being the gentleman he is flatly refused.

I may say, if those ladies have nothing better to do than pry into people's affairs, they had better disorganize and start a private detective agency; and I would be dubious about the privacy of it too. I am, Sir, etc., SWANEE RIVER

INSURABLE EMPLOYMENT

Sir,—It will be greatly appreciated, if your paper would permit us to answer a few questions of often asked by the public. These questions concern the number of days necessary in insurable employment, to qualify for the receipt of benefit.

Q. How many days must I have in insurable employment before I can qualify for Unemployment Insurance benefits? A. To qualify for benefits, an applicant must have 180 days in insurable employment in the two years dating back from the day on which the claim is filed. A man who filed his claim on February 1st, 1950, must have worked in insurable employment at least 180 days between February 1, 1948 and February 1, 1950. The 180 qualifying condition is to protect the more or less steady worker, and to distinguish him from the man who is less industrious, and therefore, contributes very little to the Unemployment Insurance Fund. When a man establishes that he has worked 180 days within two years, all his contributions for the past five years will be taken into account, and he will be allowed one day's benefit for every five days he has spent in insurable employment.

Everything of course depends on first proving the 180 day condition. If the claim is approved, a "Benefit Year" is set up for the individual. Q. What is a benefit year? A benefit year is established when a claim is approved. A. In explaining a benefit year, we will take it for granted, that a man has worked a long time, steadily, and has 100 days of benefits coming to him. He may be idle for 100 days, and draw benefits for 100 days, in which case his benefit year would expire in a little over three months. On the other hand, he might draw benefits for only 50 days in the ensuing twelve months, because he was working during the remainder of this one year period. Nevertheless, his benefit year in this case would end, twelve months from the day in which he filed his claim.

Thus it can be seen, that a man's benefit year can expire because he has drawn all his credits, or because a full year has elapsed since he made his claim. Q. How does he establish a new benefit year, or how does he re-establish his right to benefit? A. He must prove, that since the date he filed his original claim, he has worked a further 60 days in insurable employment and that he still has to his credit not less than 180 daily contributions in the two years dating back from the date on which he makes his second claim. There are other conditions, and the explanation given above concerns only the number of contributions required before a claim is approved, or re-established. I am, Sir, etc., JOHN B. MURLEY

DEATH FROM CONVULSIONS In 1946 there were 232 reported deaths from epilepsy in Canada. For Foot Ailment Consult H. J. A. BROWN D. P. Orthopedic Chiropodist 143 Great George Street CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

Anticipation



The Age-Old Story

Fear not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed for I am thy God.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

"We have published two letters lately from correspondents calling attention to the necessity for economizing the time, and decreasing the expenses, of the Legislature. We rejoice to see the public mind awakening to our improvident expenditure, which is altogether out of proportion to the revenue. We must dissent, however, from the opinions expressed as to the expediency of holding, for some time to come, the six sittings of the Legislature only once in two years. As far as the supplies go, such a plan might be feasible, but we cannot think the intelligent writers of these letters can be ignorant of the extreme necessity which exists for reforms in nearly all the administrative parts of our system. These indeed are tardy in coming, but public discussions in the Legislature, and perseverance, will produce them.

"The time will come, for instance, when the horses and cows of the inhabitants of Charlottetown will no longer be allowed to prey on the hay of the farmers, in the open street, in defiance of all law and property. The time will come, when the present faulty system of appointing Constables—often in spite of the Magistracy, responsible — will be changed for a better one; when an assimilation of our whole system to that of the land from whence we sprung, will produce more order and regularity, and a better administration of justice. But these changes will be rather retarded than advanced by an infrequent meeting of the Legislature, the visits of which — though they are like anything but angels' visits — we do not at present wish to see, few and far between; nevertheless we do deprecate, and shall always deprecate, the fact that the time of the Assembly is taken up in useless discussions, arising out of old party recollections, and in the recurrence of questions which have no tendency but to create discussion, and most unjustly to occupy that time which ought to be better employed, and for which the unfortunate tax-payer is forced to pay."

—The Islander, Feb. 22, 1945.

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Notes By The Way -

The sort of a labor law we really need is one that will keep the modern kids from working their parents to death.—Saskatoon Star-Phoenix. "Washington," says a theatrical note, "has no vaudeville house." Does this mean that the \$42,000,000,000 that keeps coming up in the dialogue is real money? — Edmonton Journal.

The story of the sugar beet in Alberta parallels the story of irrigation, for controlling water supply is one of the major factors in successful sugar beet production there. The others are deep, rich soil, plenty of sunshine; adequate frost-free periods and experienced beet growers. Southern Alberta has all these, with the result that, besides the 13,000,000 pounds of sugar, it produces annually some 60,000 lambs and 20,000 cattle fattened on beet pulp and betalasses, by-products of the industry. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

If the CCL intends to organize the unemployed in order to help find work, or to advise them where work is available, or to prevent them from feeling they have been cast adrift by the economic system, then we are all for it. If, on the other hand, the CCL intends only to use the unemployed as a political weapon, to stage demonstrations and to exert pressure, or if it intends to organize them merely for the purpose of controlling them and preventing them from seeking work at anything less than the prevailing union rates, then grave dangers will be created. — Calgary Herald.

A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Potato Association of America contained the interesting information that apple cider was being used as a sort of taste eraser. Apparently there are potato samplers constantly on the lookout for potatoes tainted by chemicals used in control of soil-borne insects that attack potato crops. Apple cider is used by the samplers between each potato tested. The idea seems to be a bit of potato then a swig of cider. The cider is said to speed up the tasting process considerably. — Winnipeg Tribune.

As a sidelight on the British election, the News Chronicle of London notes that, while it is improper for a party to take voters to the polls in motor vehicles, the act does not prevent the use of horse-drawn conveyances. The newspaper speculates upon how many stately carriages the Conservatives may be able to muster from the mansions or how many droshkies the Communists may have hidden away. And the stalwart of the parties might even assure a large and favorable vote. But it would be in bad taste, the paper goes on for any voters (Tories, presumably) to be drawn up to the polls in tumbrels. — Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

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