

THE GUARDIAN

Authorized as Second Class Mail Post Office Department, Ottawa... The Island Guardian Publishing Co. CIRCULATION... Total City Zone 8,400... Total Trading Zone 8,400... All other 783... Total Net Paid 12,517... Editor and Managing Director, J. R. Burnett... Associate Editor, Frank Walker... 'The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.'... CHARLOTTETOWN THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1950

The Futile Fund

Ever since the creation of the International Monetary Fund more than six years ago economists have warned that it was an experiment foredoomed to failure. Paradoxically, most concrete evidence of its failure lies in the action of the Canadian Government in restoring the dollar to the free market. For, in the days when the IMF was still in the planning stage at the Bretton Woods conference, it was the top brass of the Finance Department and the Bank of Canada who played the role of midwife at its birth. The late Lord Maynard Keynes was but the godfather to the scheme.

Official Ottawa, of course, maintains that the return to the free market for the dollar is only temporary. That a fixed rate will in due course be established. Nor is it correct to assume, as Ottawa despatches suggest, that Finance Minister Abbott's action has the full approval of IMF. As one Fund official points out, "Our sanction of the Canadian Government's action can scarcely be called an expression of enthusiastic approval, but it is something we've got to recognize."

Dream of the visionaries at Bretton Woods six years ago was a world of stable currencies. Their mistake lay in the belief that this laudable objective could be achieved by imposing upon the world a system of international money control. Canadian action in freeing the dollar gives the lie to the efficacy of that method.

The question in people's minds is whether other countries will follow Canada's action and break from the Fund's key principle of a fixed exchange rate. If they do, it will mean the end of the IMF.

Grand Juries

Although the Grand Jury, like the Petty Jury, is of British origin it reached its most vigorous form in the United States. There, in addition to presenting bills of indictment against accused persons, the custom of presenting matters of fact to the officers of the Government has grown to a point where Grand Juries are likely to investigate almost anything. They have been particularly active in recent times in probing into the existence of subversive activities and organizations.

By contrast in British countries the Grand Jury has lost importance. Presentments of fact became purely formal and the Grand Jury itself was abolished in England in 1933. It has met a similar fate in most Canadian Provinces.

In Prince Edward Island charges of indictable offences must still be presented as a true bill by a Grand Jury before trial by a petty jury although a stipendiary magistrate has already conducted a preliminary enquiry and committed the accused for trial. Presentments of fact are made at the time of the jury's report but have long been confined to the condition of public buildings, particularly those in which citizens are accommodated on the responsibility of the Government.

The Grand Jury should be a valuable means of keeping the layman in contact with the administration of justice and government but as at present operated it serves little purpose and sometimes obstructs, rather than aids the bringing of suspects to trial.

Milk Subsidies

Ontario's Agriculture Minister Kennedy was asked by a group of women representing two consumer organizations recently to subsidize milk. The argument offered was that milk was essential to good health and that its present high price put it out of reach of a good many less prosperous families. A government subsidy which would make milk available to consumers at five cents a quart was represented as being most desirable. Milk in Ontario is currently selling at twenty cents a quart.

The cost of the subsidy to Ontario alone would be around twenty million dollars a year. This, the ladies argued, could be clipped off without anyone feeling it simply by raising corporation taxes. Agriculture Minister Kennedy did not quite agree. If the Provincial Government gave a milk subsidy, he asked, why not a subsidy on other essential or desirable foodstuffs.

The strange thing is that both the Minister and the delegation representing the consumers organizations seem to have forgotten, as The Ottawa Journal points out, that there already is a milk subsidy, and

that it is paid by the Federal Government in the form of family allowances. Or at least that was what the Federal Government said it was for when the Baby Bonus was first introduced several years ago. The question is whether recipients of family allowance cheques ever bother to earmark the money for milk or other things required for growing children, or whether the money goes for something else.

Even with milk at twenty cents a quart, it is still possible to buy quite a lot with a Baby Bonus cheque for a family having two or three young children.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Increased parcel post and express parcel rates would strike a blow at out-of-Province buying—or would it?

Catch basins throughout the city are being cleaned out to assure unclogged sewers during the winter months.

Although damage to the turnip crop by the root maggot is fortunately less extensive than had been feared, discovery of effective control measures would be a most valuable boon to the farmer.

Another likely candidate in the Liberal interests for the Queen's Federal seat is Brig. W. W. Reid, D.S.O., whose name has been frequently mentioned within the past few days.

Competition is the life of trade and of organizations as well. Hence the increased number of the latter entering the competitive field this fall. There should be no lack of anywhere to go every night—except home.

In the United States, requests for babies for adoption outnumber the babies available by 10 to one. Evidently this Province is an exception in this respect. We mostly produce and care for our own with the help of the Baby Bonus.

In shipping precautions the Federal Government has been more negligent and careless than it is believable any ordinary individual could be. Now it is busy locking the stable after the steed has been stolen.

The Bank of Canada has announced an increase in the bank rate from 1 1/2 to two per cent. Before the days of drastic Government action to control the credit structure of the country such a move would have been of major importance to every businessman.

Mr. Justice Kellock has the honour and distinction of being the first all-powerful dictator to hold office in our democracy. In the present railway disputes his word is final and unchallengeable, more effective and all-embracing in material affairs, than even the Pontiff's in the matter of spiritual doctrine.

It is reported that there are almost no reserves of skilled labour in the United States. The same trend, though less marked, exists in Canada. With labour reserves a limiting factor in further industrial expansion there should be greater incentive for industry to shift to relatively undeveloped areas where labour is still available.

"Tough" President Truman has been orating in the midnight hours when most sensible people were asleep. Were it not for the newspaper press reports in the morning few people in U. S. A. would know or realize how "tough" he had been at the expense of Stalin. But, of course, (unless the Soviet radio shut off the speech, as they are in the habit of doing when advised in advance) some of it may have been allowed to penetrate into enemy territory.

A member of the Welfare Council of Canada has predicted that pensions may some day be granted to disabled persons suffering from mental and physical handicaps. The move would certainly be a natural extension of present trends in this country. We have come a long way since the ancient Spartans used to examine newborn infants and dispose of any not coming up to their high standards of health and physique.

Cesare Lombroso, Italian criminologist, died this date 1909. He was professor of Psychiatry at Pavia; head of the lunatic asylum at Pesaro, professor of forensic medicine and psychiatry, and subsequently of criminal anthropology at Turin. Criminology owes its origin to his investigations of imprisoned criminals from which he developed the theory of the criminal type, a class of individual predestined to crime and recognizable by physical and moral characteristics. His theories have been disputed to a certain extent, but they have at least been the means of calling attention to the subject, and of introducing more logical and more humane treatment of criminals.

Cartoon titled 'LUCIFER OF LEBNEY, NOTED CIGAR BAND COLLECTOR AND 20th CENTURY BEAN'... NATURE BOY... JOIN THE ARMED SERVICES... SUCCESS AT LAST, and here we must leave our hero, the sun slowly sinking in the west.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) ST. DUNSTON'S COLLEGE... We are happy to be able to announce that the College in connection with the Catholic Church in this Island was opened on Thursday last. His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. McDonald accompanied by several of his clergy being present on the occasion. The College is situated about a mile and a half from Charlottetown, in a most delightful locality, and with the exception of the Colonial Building is the handsomest public edifice in the Island. There are, at present, not many pupils in this institution, but it is confidently expected that by the opening of summer there will be a full attendance from all parts of the Island, as well as from some parts of the neighboring Colonies.

P.E.I. Complaint Merits Attention

(Montreal Gazette) There should be general sympathy elsewhere in Canada with the plaint of spokesmen for Prince Edward Island as to its vulnerability to isolation from the rest of the country, and generally to lack of adequate transport facilities. It is to be hoped that satisfactory adjustment of the matter can be devised before it reaches the stage of becoming a stumbling block to the agreements being negotiated on constitutional questions and Dominion-provincial relations. The P.E.I. delegation to the recent constitutional conference in Quebec reportedly minded no word in protesting against alleged failure of the Dominion Government to fulfill one of the important commitments which induced the province to enter Confederation. This was for maintenance of "efficient" and "continuous" transport service linking the island with the mainland and connecting it with the railway system of the country.

Islanders have been complaining on and off for some years that the railway and car-ferry service, which spans the 20-mile gap between Cap St. Lawrence, N.B. and Borden. P.E.I. was inadequate as to frequency, capacity and reliability. Their dissatisfaction came to a head during the recent railway strike, when the car-ferry service (operated by the C.N.R. for the Government) was abruptly cut off. This left the Island completely isolated from the rest of Canada, except for the relative trickle of passenger and freight traffic that could be handled by air or by the small passenger and auto ferry running to Piclou, N.S.

Even if the ferry had continued to run, of course, there would have been no rail service because of the strike, but at least it could have handled passenger, auto and truck traffic such as enabled the main-land provinces to weather the exigencies of the strike period. The P.E.I. Government is demanding that the ferry service be severed from the C.N.R. and operated directly by the Dominion, as it was originally.

Age In The Senate

Table showing age groups and composition of the Upper Chamber. Columns: Ages, Lib., Cons.

Vacant—13. The Liberals have 48 members under 70 years of age; the Conservatives only five. Out of 89 seats at present held by both parties together, 35, or about 40 per cent are held by men of 70 or over.

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.

THE SICKNESS SURVEY

Sir,—There is a survey conducted in this City, called the Sickness Survey, which I am told is being paid for by the Provincial Government and reimbursed from the Dominion Treasury. One of the canvassers is the wife of a Deputy Minister in our Provincial Government. Now, I know only too well that each one of us must earn a living, and likes to do so; but when a Government which is called "democratic" employs the wife of a Deputy Minister in that Government, then I think that all fair-minded citizens and true Canadians will feel like Mr. Bruce Hutchison, who wrote in McLean's Magazine some months ago: "Democracy has been killed." I claim that with this kind of thing being allowed, democracy has been killed.

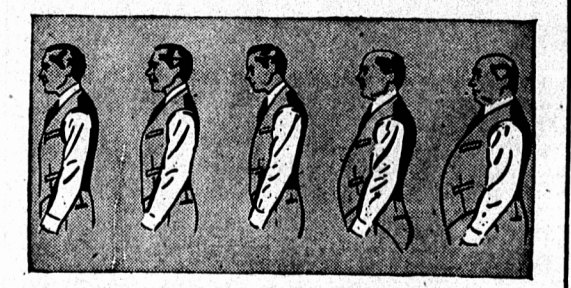
The Age-Old Story

Thus saith the Lord, keep ye judgment, and do justice; for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

CIVIL DEFENCE

Northern Ireland has begun planning a comprehensive scheme of civil defence.

Which Figure Is Yours?



TALL OR SHORT... THIN OR STOUT... YOUR SUIT WILL FIT IF IT'S TAILORED-TO-MEASURE BY...

PROGRESS BRAND

A PERFECT fit is not a matter of luck. It is the logical result of careful measuring... selection of the proper style... accurate cutting... and skilled tailoring by Progress Brand craftsmen.

Jack Cameron the Store for MEN

Notes By The Way

New York's distinguished Wall Street Journal says of Canadians that they have an inveterate habit of honoring their obligations, they "put their trust in commercial good faith across frontiers and hard work at home." It's a reputation worth earning—and and keeping. (Ottawa Evening Journal)

In all seriousness, it's a good thing that we have such annual sporting events as the World Series, the Stanley Cup final and the Grey Cup final to keep our minds from dwelling only on serious things. If it weren't for these sporting events and other entertainments provided for our enjoyment, the number of patients in mental hospitals would be far greater than at present. — Peterborough Examiner.

A suggestion that the retiring age for men of sixty-five was made by Dr. I. Harris, of Bootle at the British Medical Association conference in Liverpool. "We as general practitioners," said Dr. Harris, "should try to produce an atmosphere in which sixty-five is no longer regarded as old age. When a man retires at sixty-five he becomes inactive, and soon afterwards, a medical problem." Dr. Harris added later that a man compulsorily retired should take up a hobby like gardening to keep his mind active. — London Daily Mail.

Sitting in a cafe the other evening at dinner hour, and awaiting the entire, my hubby and I witnessed a sight that was a genuine revelation to us. We noticed a clean-cut, very young couple at a table close by. He was handsome, and she was fresh and pretty as a daisy. They chatted earnestly about something, and flashed adoring smiles at each other. When the waiter set their dinner before them, they deferred conversation long enough to cast their eyes downward and slightly bow their heads. They were offering a silent prayer of gratitude! Ye gods! I haven't seen anything like that in a restaurant in two decades. It was all so natural—so unpretentious—so spontaneous! It filled us with a warm glow—like spotting the ray of a gleaming lantern in the hold of a sinking ship! "Can this be so?" I whispered mentally. "In this day and age of stark materialism, can it be really so?" Then my surprised spouse inquired: "Did you see that

HASTINGS, England, Oct. 17 (Reuters)—British butchers tonight raised the battle-cry: "Give us our freedom and let the sausage speak for itself!" Butcher A. Kamperl of London told a meat trade conference it is impossible to compete with expensive imported sausages within Government-imposed price limits.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for various practitioners: Matheson & Peake (Barristers), M. Alban Farmer (Barrister, Solicitor), J. S. Taylor (Optometrist), MacPhee & Trainor (Barristers), Palmer & Haslam (Barrister), Joseph R. MacMillan (Barrister, Solicitor), Frederic A. Large, K.C. (Barrister, Solicitor), Chas. R. McQuaid (Barrister, Solicitor), A. Walther Gaudet (Barrister, Solicitor), Byron J. Grant O.B. (Optometrist), H. R. Doane & Co. (Chartered Accountants), McDonald, Currie & Co. (Chartered Accountants).