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

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Tariff Board Alibis

As we feared from Mr. Gardiner's adverse comments at last week's agricultural conference at Ottawa, the appeal of our potato growers for tariff protection against the flood of U. S. imports has been turned down by the Tariff Board.

Elsewhere in today's issue we publish comments by those concerned in the industry in this Province, which speak for themselves. It is important to note that all over Canada every organization concerned in the potato industry, with the backing of their provincial governments, joined in presenting the potato tariff briefs.

It is adding insult to injury for the Commission to tell our Island seed growers that tariff protection would be disastrous to their own interests. Our growers and dealers may be presumed to know just as much about their interests as the Commission does, or as Mr. Gardiner does—for he too came up with the same argument.

It is reported that at last week's Ottawa conference, the representative from British Columbia made a strong speech demanding immediate action by the government of Canada and roundly condemning the delay in imposing tariff restrictions.

More Convincing Evidence... The weight of informed public opinion in favor of water fluoridation is strikingly reflected in today's news columns.

From the Minister of Health in Ontario comes similar assurance, based on a ten-year experiment in the city of Brantford, where there has also been a 60 per cent decrease in the number of decayed teeth among school children since fluoride was introduced into the city's water supply.

The fortress of the Dukes of Coburg in Germany, now a museum, dates from the 10th century.

London and Windsor health officials have asked their city governments for early approval, while Sarnia and St. Thomas, both of which had shelved the measure, will reopen the question.

These reports fully substantiate the representations made by our Charlottetown Home and School Associations and health authorities before the Board of Water Commissioners, and provide additional evidence which it is hoped the Board will study carefully.

Self-Incrimination

As long as the Russian leaders, confined their trouble-making propensities to attacks on British "colonialism", they were on reasonably safe ground. For one thing, the British were not there to defend themselves; and, for another, it was the sort of thing that might be expected to appeal to certain segments of Asian society.

It seems, however, that the Indian Government is anything but pleased over the Russian overture; not because it has weakened its claim to Kashmir, but because its strategy has been to avoid open conflict with Pakistan over the issue and to concentrate on extending economic control over the disputed area.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A cook in the United States Navy claims to have fed a million sailors during his career without having heard "one word of complaint". He is either very hard of hearing or the greatest culinary wizard of all time.

A bull in a china shop is nothing compared with a steer in a food market. That, at least, is the inference contained in a news report from London, which says that a rampaging steer terrified hundreds of shoppers on a recent morning.

Among the speeches marking the merger of the C.I.O. and the A.F.L. none will be more apt than a few words spoken by Walter Reuther, president of the C.I.O., who will take second place to George Meany of the A.F.L. in the new organization.

Having in mind the almost snowless winters of the last few years, the proprietor of a public ski area not far from New York city made detailed—and expensive—arrangements for manufacturing snow for this season.



IT WAS A GOOD PARTY

PUBLIC FORUM

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

APPRECIATION... Sir—I wish to thank you on behalf of the Caledonian Club for your kindness and co-operation during the past year. We feel that we are helping to keep alive the traditions of our Scottish ancestors by promoting an interest in Scottish dancing, piping, athletic games and the Gaelic language.

OTTAWA REPORT

"Equality, Fraternity"

The dream of liberty, equality and fraternity—Canadian-style—has been given a new twist by the non-operating railway unions. All Canadians will be equal in the obligation to pay for the welfare benefits which only a handful of C.N.R. employees will enjoy.

Butter Support Program

Last summer when some government held butter was sold to Czechoslovakia at 21 cents a pound below the support price in Canada, there was much talk of the Communists being given a "bargain". The same talk is being revived now in connection with the considerably larger sale (through a Dutch importer) to East Germany.

Khrushchev's Nerve

Mr. Khrushchev has his nerve with him when he rewrites his story to say that the United States and Britain "started the Second World War": they sent the troops of Hitlerite Germany against Russia.

The Deep End

There is a rumor that if the historic West Block of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa is torn down, a swimming pool may be included in the structure to replace it. It is not known how much support the idea has among M.P.s, but it is impossible to consider it without some direct connection with their attendance in the House.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

HOW TO LIFT AN INFANT

Take it easy, mom. That baby's probably a lot heavier than he looks. Ever count the number of times you have to lift that smiling little bundle during the course of a normal day? Well, I haven't either, but I imagine the total would stagger you.

HARMFUL TO BABY

Furthermore, if you don't lift him in the proper way, you can hurt yourself and baby, too. First, let's consider where to place your arms or hands. That's the most important thing, as far as the baby is concerned.

When the baby's back and neck muscles are strong enough, usually by the time he's five months old, lift him by grasping him with your hands on either side of the body under the armpits.

As for your feet, plant them on the floor firmly. Bend your knees and then lift the baby by straightening your legs. Keep your back relatively straight.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Interested Reader: Is it possible to be affected by any substance breathed into the lungs? Answer: Sometimes substances breathed into the lungs may have some harmful effect, particularly some fine sandy material. Other materials may not.

The Poet's Corner

OLD AGE

The seas are quiet when the wind gives o'er; So calm are we when passions are no more; For then we know how vain it was to boast Of fleeting things so certain to be lost.

Doughnuts With Handles?

(Ottawa Journal)

A fisherman's wife invented the doughnut by cutting the centre from a fried cake so her husband could hang the circle on a spoke of his ship's steering wheel.

Low on Cash?

Advertisement for Personal Finance Co. featuring a table of loan examples and contact information for 151 Great George Street, Charlottetown.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A neighborhood six-year-old recalls, bitterly that he didn't get all the things he asked the department-store Santa Claus for last Christmas. But things evened up: he gave Santa the measles.

New Brunswick's chief superintendent of education has found old records certifying a certain student's school attendance for a year as 1 1/2 days. He made this known at the formal opening of a school near Newcastle, built and furnished by the same pupil, who evidently made the most of the 1 1/2 days.

Once governments have made up their mind in a situation, there may not be much point in quarrelling with them. The fact that 1958 has been officially decided upon as British Columbia's centenary year should induce Nanaimo, to join heartily in the celebrations proposed and make the best of things.

In conversation with a former civil official, who was in frequent contact with agents seeking industrial sites in Sarnia, we were informed that one of the first queries made by these agents concerned the city's cultural background.

Medical science has lacked several diseases which used to take a heavy toll in earlier generations. One of these is scurvy. The disease killed 25 of Jacques Cartier's men in 1535, until Indians suggested the spruce-tea remedy.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for various services including Barristers, Solicitors, Optometrists, and Chiropractors.

Advertisement for the ROYAL typewriter, highlighting its 96-year history and durability. Includes contact information for F. A. McCourt.