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N.B. Potato Problems

Of interest to farm producers in this
province, as well as to our legislators,
was in session, are the recommendations
of a royal commission to improve New
Brunswick's potato industry. The 233-page
report, prepared by a five-member
commission appointed in 1960, was
tabled in the P.E.I. Legislature last
week, and recommends a number of
tangible steps to be taken as soon as
possible to establish a provincial
potato development program.

The report finds that the potato
industry in New Brunswick "has
been unable to organize itself into a
group capable of giving active,
integrated and continuous attention to
those basic problems which require
the most collective thought and the
most rational collective action." While
collective marketing of potatoes is
not regarded as being feasible at
present, it finds "a strong need for
a suitable potato industry organization."

The report suggests joint action
by the industry, a re-organized
provincial potato branch, and federal
agencies with a program centered in
four interrelated areas of research,
production, marketing and processing.
The first task, it adds, should be to
consider redrafting the N.B.
Potato Industry Act. Specifically the
act should be rewritten to provide
suitable legal provision for the
organizational machinery and the
development policies to be adopted
by the industry.

One of the principal recommendations
is for the establishment of
a primary seed farm purchased by
the provincial government and run
by the federal government. This
farm, it is suggested, could be located
in a remote area and each year
would make available a quantity of
disease-free seed for foundation and
certified seed growers.

The report finds that "during the
last decade and a half New Brunswick
has been standing still while
Prince Edward Island and other
provinces have moved steadily ahead."
This is due to a number of reasons,
including looking greener than those
at hand. In any case, the problems
which have plagued New Brunswick
potato growers in late years are
much the same as those with which
our Island producers are confronted.
This would indicate that a joint
approach to their solution could be
advantageous to all concerned.

Berlin and Geneva

The Moscow government newspaper
Izvestia is making its customary
contribution to harmony at
Geneva by reviving the treaty that
the Soviet Union will sign a treaty
with West Germany from communication
with West Germany. It implies,
that such a treaty, it implies, will be
signed under the United States,
Britain, and France show "willingness
to seek a constructive and
agreed solution." It is unlikely,
however, that such an agreement
could be reached except by assenting
to Communist designs. But twice
Moscow has set a date for an East
German treaty and twice postponed
it; this would indicate that it is not
in a hurry to bring the issue to a
head.

Actually, as the Christian Science
Monitor points out, both sides
are leading from weakness
in the efforts respectively to harass
or to protect communications with
West Berlin. The Western powers

are in the difficult position of an
outpost of more than two million
persons more than 100 miles inside
Communist-dominated territory. But
the Communists may be in an even
more difficult situation.

Without the protection of Russian
cannon the Ulbricht regime
would not last an hour, and there
have been rumors that a new
Communist satrap might be substituted
for Herr Ulbricht. The silence with
which Soviet Deputy Premier
Mikoyan was greeted in East Berlin
recently is only one of many
evidences of the unpopularity of
Communism there.

Moscow may hope that by
hammering on the German situation
it can settle the Western countries
into rejecting arms-reduction
proposals that would have a
propaganda value. And, of course, the
divided city of Berlin is and will
remain a burning issue in the
disarmament talks. Certainly, if
Premier Khrushchev was serious about
wanting to solve the problem of
armaments by dumping all
weapons into the sea, there would
be no better place to begin than with
the burp guns of his own
controlled East German border police.

Two Of A Kind?

One issue about which very few
people are going to get excited in
the Dominion election campaign,
says an Ontario exchange, is that
of the difference between contributory
and non-contributory pensions. Mr.
Pearson, over a month ago, made
a strong play of the contributory
feature in his outline of the pension
scheme, suggesting a plan that would
produce pensions of up to \$610 a
month for married couples. Almost
immediately after, the Conservative
government proposed to hold the
pensions actually being paid to \$130
a month, for married couples over
70. These pensions, technically, are
non-contributory; but from the point
of view of the taxpayer, the distinction
is about as much as the difference
between two dimes and four
nickels.

The typical taxpaying Canadian
is paying now for the old-age
pensions he will get if he lives to age
70. He is paying, as a result of the
"two-formula, at the rate of about
\$128 a year. The three per cent old-age
security tax he pays, hardly without
realizing that he pays it, along with
his income tax. It is deducted from
his wages or salary before he gets
his pay envelope, and he becomes
aware of the payment briefly, once
a year, when he fills out his income
tax return. There is a limit of \$90 on
the amount of old-age security tax
collected from any one income tax
payer, and the average amount
collected is \$46.

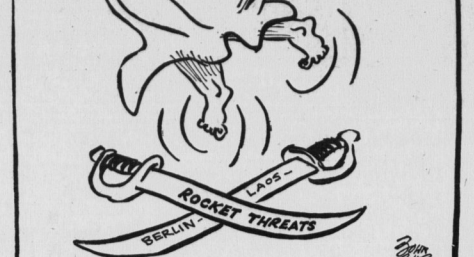
The second three in the 3-3-3
formula is the three per cent Dominion
sales tax which is assigned to the
old-age pension fund. In hidden price
increases on the things he buys, the
average taxpayer puts up \$69 a year
in this way, towards the cost of his
old-age pension.

The third three is the three per
cent special levy added to corporation
tax, for the old-age pension
fund. One way or another, either in
increased prices, or in reduced
dividends, the taxpayer pays this, too,
at the rate of about \$23 per year per
taxpayer.

What would happen if we had
contributory old-age pensions,
instead of non-contributory? The
"contributions" would be deducted
at source, just like income tax and
unemployment insurance. They would
be forwarded to Ottawa by the
employer, just like other deductions
from the pay. The taxpayer would
be aware, as he is aware now, that
his pay envelope lacked something,
but that would be nothing new.

EDITORIAL NOTES

According to a BBC broadcast,
fishing nets made of high density
polythene yarn are now a common
sight on the decks of British
trawlers. These plastic nets are only
a third of the weight of the
conventional manilla type, and since
they do not absorb water, they remain
as light during fishing and are far
easier to haul in. They do not rot,
and lose none of their strength even
in temperatures of ten degrees
below zero. Trials at sea have
shown that these nets have lasted
for eight long deep-sea trawling
voyages compared with just one
trip with manilla nets. They also
make a big reduction in the "drag"
on a trawler, which means, in turn,
much lower fuel costs.



RUSSIAN SABRE DANCE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Redistribution Without Gerrymandering

The population of Canada
reached 18,238,147 on Jan. 1 of
last year, according to the
censitakers. This marks a huge
increase of 4,250,000 in our
population in ten years.

But the federal government
would not be equally interested
to know whether that number
includes 33 honest, intelligent and
public-spirited citizens.

The growth and migration of
our population since the previous
census poses a considerable
problem in the representation
of the size of federal constituencies.
Must be altered to reflect these
changes. This exercise in itself
has always offered an opportunity,
avidly seized by the
political party power, to
parliamentary throats of
carefully - chosen opponents.

Just so good as Jimmy
Gosser, the longtime Liberal
boss of Saskatchewan, at
present to eliminate a man
whom he correctly judged to
be the greatest threat to his
party's success in the
provincial election. The Liberal Government set

up as usual a committee and
sub-committees of Parliament
to arrange this line-whorl
of gerrymandering of
constituencies to give effect to
population changes revealed by the
1951 census. The Saskatchewan
sub-committee, master-minded
by the Mr. Gardiner, carved
up Mr. Diefenbaker's constituency
of Lake Centre, and swamped
it with the representation of
early CCM constituency of Moose
Jaw.

As to history records, "The
Golden Rule of the Prairies"
in 1935 arose phoenix-like from
the ashes of Lake Centre, was
elected by all-party support
in Prince Albert, and went on
to gain a reputation for
integrity to shatter his former
enemies. As a matter of principle,
reinforced by the moral
authority of the Saskatchewan
party, John Diefenbaker promised
that if he should become
Prime Minister he would
remove the task of redistribution
from the political slaughterhouse
and place it in the
judicial hands of an impartial
commission - as is done in
Britain and other sophisticated
Commonwealth countries.
END GERRYMANDERS

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion
of correspondence of questions
concerning the content of the
column. Letters should be
sent to the editor and
conveniently addressed to
the editor of the Public Forum
column, c/o The Guardian,
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

SUGGESTED SCHOLARSHIP

Sir:—There recently appeared
in this column a letter by the
signature of George W. Tilley
suggesting the idea of a
scholarship for the
medical students in this
province in memory of the late
Dr. W. Seaman.

Within a matter of weeks,
the U.S. administration is expected
to launch a new appeal among
the United States for a trade
embargo against Premier Fidel
Castro's Cuban regime.

There may be hundreds of
people who are familiar with the
experiences of Dr. Seaman's
skills and deep understanding,
particularly regarding
the medical profession. Mr.
Tilley said it very well, but
I would like to add my personal
experience.

The OAS has not gone as far
as the United States in
embargoing trade with Cuba. But
that undoubtedly is the direction
in which the U.S. hopes to
lead her latin friends.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

Twenty-five years ago
(Mar. 18, 1937)
At the invitation of the
Woman's Missionary Society of
Charlottetown, a group of
base players, under the direction
of Rev. Arthur Wallis gave
the concert last night at the
North Garage Hall. The two-act
play was followed with
regret by a large audience.
A variety program of
instrumental music, vocal
numbers and a play, "The
Family Album, with
descriptive reading and
illustrated slides, followed
with a very interesting and
another delightful feature.

Preparations are fast
reaching the final stage for the
Island's outstanding skating event
of the year—the Island Skating
Championships and Miss
Princess contest, which will
take place at the Forum,
March 24.

Fat 14-Year-Old Is Happy Boy

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
FAT BOYS often become
fat. We recently received a
letter from a mother who
who has a good start in this
direction. In fact, he is rather
proud of his size and
there are any physical and
psychological disadvantages in
obesity, such as high blood
pressure, diabetes, and
heart and weight 200 pounds.

"I have many friends of both
sexes who are fat and who
'make A's in school, and an
quite proud of my distinguished
character." In addition to
drinks 1½ gallons of milk daily
and eats a quart of peanut butter
every other day, and a loaf
of bread every two days.

He has six soft drinks, 10
bananas, 15 oranges, 18 doughnuts,
and three or four slices of
pie daily. In addition to
the usual breakfast and
dinner. He loves pork chops,
spaghetti, mutton, and
sausages.

Junior has added two inches
to his height in 22 months
and weighs 220 pounds. He
now averages a gain of a pound
every two weeks. He thinks
"big for his age" and why not?
He consumes two hot fudge
sundaes and two donuts
every day. Candy bars,
salted nuts, hot dogs, popcorn
and ice cream cones are a
must at every meal.

This letter might be a phony
but I have known many
children like this. They
eat a much time and money on food,
little or no exercise, and
become fat. Some obese persons
have a compulsion to eat; others
obtain pleasure from eating
and gorging. The larger they grow,
the more they eat because
the extra blubber also must be
fed.

It is possible this fat boy
has an endocrine gland
disease. It is possible that he
is a simpleton. It is possible
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ERYSIPELAS

A. L. T. writes: How does the
old time erysipelas act? What
is the cause of this disease?
on my face, eyelids, and ears
that itches and stings and the
lids are swollen.

REPLY:
Erysipelas is a streptococcal
infection of the skin. The
organisms usually enter
through a scratch or small
wound. It is characterized by
fever and a red, swollen area
spreads gradually with a sharp
margin. It is treated with
antibiotics. The condition
lasted two weeks. Now it
is being treated under control
within 24 hours.

TREATMENT OF PLEURISY

J. L. writes: How is pleurisy
in a woman of 60 treated?

REPLY:
The same as at any other
age? Antibiotics to combat
the infection, rest, and
codeine for pain, and surgery if
fluid is present. The chest
relief is usually achieved
within a few days. In a
woman of 60 because the
skin is so sensitive; elastic
tissue is less abundant.

RANTING AND RAVING

It is a common mistake to
give a chance a man with a terrific
temper and high blood pressure
and an elevated heart rate.
Prior to modern antibiotics, the
condition lasted two weeks. Now
it is being treated under control
within 24 hours.

ALAS, POOR YORICK

J. K. writes: I'm a 35 year
old bachelor and work in a
factory. While doing my
duties, I think of every
thing imaginable. Would a
tranquilizer slow down my
thoughts?

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The Age Old Story

His delight is in the law of the
Lord; and in his law he
meditates day and night.

CUSTOMS MAN DIES

ROYAL HIGHLAND REGIMENT
R. Dade, 64, retired senior
Canadian customs officer in
Montreal, died Wednesday after a
brief illness. He was a member
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NOTES BY THE WAY

The trouble with socialism is
that it soon runs out of the
rich and has to seek the poor.—
Branford Sun.

Experienced golfers call all
the golf clubs by number. The
inexperienced call them by
name, that's not "Don't look
up a print." — Toronto Star.

It is invariably the case, that
the person who is an "idiot"
like an idiot" is doing what
comes naturally. — Woodstock
Sentinel Review.

Keeping up with the new
enables a person to worry about
nothing. Keep all over the world.—
Stratford Citizen — Herald.

Education costs nearly half
some municipal budgets. But
it's cheaper than ignorance.—
Hamilton Spectator.

No doubt the reason Russia
is refused to give the West in
the race for peace, as urged by
President Kennedy, is that she
has had little or no experience
in doing peace-work. — Sydney
Morning Herald.

A new Guinness Brewery is
being built in Nigeria. That's
anywhere is one of those
which revolves around a
Northwest African. — Woodstock
Sentinel Review.

A mosquito is like a small
younger — the minute he stops
making a noise you know he
is getting into something. — Gall
Reporter.

The satellite were a million
times more interested in than
any other is one of those
which revolves around a
Northwest African. — Woodstock
Sentinel Review.

How many people today have
a tendency to think of agriculture
as a declining industry. This
is not so. Canadian agriculture
is expanding in line with the
one respect — the number of
people required to run the
farms. Farmer's Advocate.

In Connecticut a pedestrian
was charged with murder for
the shooting of the driver of a
car that splashed him. There
but for the lack of a gun at the
crucial moment, go thousands
of us. — Chatham News.

Central African Policies

Globe and Mail, Toronto

dependent nations, along the
lines followed by neighboring
South Africa.

Such a move would bring
Britain and the United States
together in a common front.
The British Government, which
has offered the African majority
gradual progress towards equal
partnership. The tragic consequences
of colonial upheaval in
the Congo and Algeria are
fresh to be ignored in this
context. Sir Roy may well be
concerned that such a move
should not be a blow for white
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THE WATCH

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words than mental disease (like
stroke) may develop if a
man is not able to demonstrate
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