

Taking Bows

A great deal of hard work was necessary to achieve another fine Prince Edward Island Music Festival, the ninth in as many years, and many of those responsible for its success do not get a chance to take their bows before an appreciative public.

This Province has shown that it will support such an undertaking with enthusiasm, the number of individual and group entries being considerably in excess of what is expected elsewhere on a population basis.

The continued growth of interest and participation in the Festival brings its own problems. Four adjudicators would have found quite enough to do in coping with the strictly musical part of the Festival.

Rapid expansion has made it difficult to keep track of all that is going on at the many centres at which contestants performed. There is an urgent need for more thorough organization from the point of view of publicity.

The fact is, of course, that the Festival has grown beyond the stage where it can conveniently be held as a single event. Even holding some of the classes in Summerside as well as at three Charlottetown centres does not meet the case.

The Association is to be congratulated on emphasizing participation in a festival rather than the entering of a contest. All who took part have been able to benefit from their experience.

Ontario-Manitoba Boundary

It is doubtful, says the Winnipeg Free Press, if even the most zealous Manitoba patriots will be greatly moved by the loss of 270 acres of their province to Ontario under the new inter-provincial boundary that takes effect June 1st.

The boundary as it exists between the two provinces today was set in 1912. However, there was no pressure for laying it out on the ground until 1920 when the search for minerals began near the boundary in the Rice Lake district.

It was the activities of prospectors that caused the survey to be carried the 87 miles from the 12th base line to Island Lake in 1929 and over the 114-mile stretch from Island Lake to Echoing River in 1937.

ary was decided in 1912, the point at which it was to reach Hudson's Bay was laid down as the intersection of the 89th degree of west longitude and the bay shore.

A Federal Government surveyor in 1930 led a party in canoes 130 miles along the shore from York Factory to the termination point. There by astronomical readings the exact point was established. A concrete monument was placed on the spot.

The 270 acres is a triangular strip 15.8 feet wide at its base on Hudson's Bay. The triangle narrows at the rate of two-thirds of an inch per mile until its apex is reached 282 miles inland at Island Lake.

Gold Coast Development

The evolutionary process is still at work in the British Commonwealth, and the latest evidence of this fact is the news that the Gold Coast is to hold its second general election in mid-June. The first—those held when the new constitution gave Africans an elected chamber with a measure of Cabinet government—were held early in 1951.

Apart from political and constitutional matters, perhaps the most crucial issue which will continue to exercise the Gold Coast is the arrangement under which British staff will be retained. Beyond all, says the London Times, lies the deeper question of the Gold Coast's final place in the Commonwealth, and among the nations.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Last year at this time there were dire warnings about increased potato planting in the United States. Together with a most favorable growing season the larger acreage resulted in glutted markets.

The Maritime groundfish industry is greatly concerned about the recommendations of the U. S. Tariff Commission to the President. The terms were not revealed but no report would have been made unless the Commission was asking for executive action to protect the American industry.

Unmarried women over 35 in Germany may call themselves frau rather than fraulein according to the Minister of the Interior. Perhaps Canadian politicians have been missing a bet in not promising that any woman who wants may be a "Mrs."

The manly handclasp will be replaced by the courtly bow if a former English health officer has his way. The National Conference at Scarborough was told that "one-third of the people in this country are going about with infection on their hands. If polio is about, they can have the infection of polio virus on their hands."

Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, French author, was born this date 1760. He composed the French national anthem, "Le Chant de guerre pour l'armee du Rhin" at Strasburg, in an outburst of patriotism. At the time he was a captain of engineers. It was an instant success and became known far and wide before it appeared in print, July 7, 1792. It was sung by the volunteers of Marseilles as they entered Paris in July, hence its present name the "Marseillaise", and at the storming of the Tuilleries. It was forbidden under the Restoration and Second Empire.



All Set For Another Session

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.

MR. MACDONALD REPLIES

Sir, Last Friday we read with interest a letter from Mr. Howatt of New Wiltshire which contains several statements which I feel it is my duty to correct. The statement that the Potato Board depressed the markets all over America and lost our seed market in the United States is absolutely untrue and for that reason should never have been made by any responsible citizen.

He states that "this year the Board ordered that all growers had to have a license before a certain date last fall. That was the deadline. After that no more licenses would be issued." Those remarks are equally untrue because neither Mr. Howatt nor anyone else can substantiate such a statement.

I am, Sir, etc. DONALD A. MACDONALD, Manager, P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board.

HARMONY AMONG THE BIRDS

Sir,—In the late winter one morning I saw a crow perched on a building just above a group of sparrows. I said that big, ugly bird has designs of those little birds. I was quite mistaken. He had no such intention. I found he had his back to them, and after a few minutes flew away about his business.

I began school at six years and on my first day as we came out at noon there came around from the senior department a boy wearing like a call, with blood streaming from his nose. Another bigger boy had hit him on that tender spot. I never forgot that sight. I soon found out I had to learn the fancy art of self-defence, and I think I learned that as well or better than any other lesson. Boys, almost men, their sports was settling the little fellows fighting. They had a spot they called the "Bullies Acre". This was before the days of movies.

The Germans define man as a fighting animal. This is his leading instinct, they say, well, they have cultivated it. Great China, that a few years ago was a most industrious and peace-loving nation now under the tuition of Russia and other western nations, she has become an aggressive belligerent; and today a nation that cannot defend itself must seek the protection of stronger people.

The Age Old Story

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

be feared than the bomb, viz., the divisions within the Christian church, the body of Christ. We are at present "crucifying Jesus," the Lord of glory afresh and putting Him to an open shame. Bombs can destroy the body but these divisions are destroying our souls. God has put the church here to serve the world, but it can never be saved until she has achieved that oneness for which Jesus prayed in John 17. All men and women are praying for peace, but it can never come until it comes within the church.

I am, Sir, etc. W. I. GREEN

SCIENCE & HUMAN VALUES

Sir,—I liked your editorial built on the assertion of Foreign Minister Georges Bidault of France, recently quoted as saying that "scientists are sorcerers" appearing to those who often unloose forces over which they have no control. I heartily concur in your view that "if nuclear devices ever do get out of control it will not be the fault of the men who discovered the secret, but of human perverseness, avarice and ill-will, which from time immemorial have militated against the good and peaceful life."

This latter conclusion would certainly win the approval of one of the philosophers (Emerson) who, apparently, foresaw today's dangers and the potential ability of men to destroy the material creation, via the laboratory. Writing just a century back, he warned: "When science is learned in love, and its powers are wielded by love, they will appear the supplements and continuations of the material creations."

A few days later, I was happy to learn of the decision arrived at by the delegates to the recent Resources Conference (Ottawa) to recommend a royal commission to make a thorough evaluation of Canada's natural resources along the lines of that made by the Paley Commission in the United States.

Here, assuredly, there is wide scope for the workers in our research laboratories, in the matter of, as one speaker (Dr. W. J. Parker, of Winnipeg) nicely puts it: "the use of all our resources of land and water - - - for the greatest good of the greatest number of our people - - - over the longest time?"

One of the farm journals the other day carried a quotation on the theme of "Ownership" by a British poet (Mary I. Gates) which seems to me to sublimate the art of "Conservation" in terms of the farmer, no less than the patient workers in the research laboratories: "We till a corner of this earth today, And call it ours—because we do not see That it belongs to those who led And to the men and women yet to be!" I am, Sir, etc. C.E.L.T.

The Poet's Corner

VASTNESS

Onward and onward into space, the mind Projects itself. Familiar stars are passed And nameless galaxies bespeak a vast On-whirling universe, still undefined. Here human thought confronts eternity. The never-ending marches of the years. Where man's brief life span gleams and disappears, A raindrop lost in the unheeding sea. Dismayed, humbled, the recolling Is driven back to earth's accustomed hours. To rivers, mountain mysteries and flowers, To wisdom that no other star has taught. Though narrow seem the path where he must plod, Here Man may gather radiance, glint by glint And find in the minutest petal's tint The vastness dwelling in the mind of God. —Inez Barclay Kirby in The New York Times.

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I. SOIL AND TIMBER

From "Statistical Particulars of a Census of the Parish of St. Andrew, including Panmure Island, taken in 1827 by Mr. J. L. Lewellin, Murray Harbour:

"Township 61 has a very small proportion of bad land, but comprises, generally, a body of soil fit for all farming purposes, well watered by numerous brooks and rivulets, which feed and constitute the Sturgeon River. The proprietor of this fine Lot is making three lines of road for settlement, through a great part of the length of the land, on which farms will be fronted, 25 chains wide by 40 deep. The pine timber on this Lot has been nearly all cut, nor does a great quantity remain standing on 59.

"Lot 63 has a large proportion of good hardwood land on the northern half, while the southern moiety contains perhaps an adequate quantity of hemlock, spruce, swamp and pine-grove soils. There have been immense quantities of pine timber cut on this Township, and much remains.

"Lot 64 presents a fine body of hardwood, from the County Line almost to Cape Bear, with a soil of considerable tenacity and strength, producing large crops of hay, etc., but not so certain in the wheat crop as the lighter soil of Murray Harbour. A great portion of the interior of this Township is good land, and it is owing to the judicious practice of the proprietor's selling land, that this Lot has twenty-three families settled on it, above the number found on any other Township in the Parish. The harbour of Murray Harbour, though inferior to that of Three Rivers in size and on account of its bar, is yet inferior to few in point of safety, with easy access at neap tides for vessels not drawing more than 12 feet of water."



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NOTES BY THE WAY

The worst of it all is that it is only a step of a month or so from income-tax to wedding-gift time! —Ottawa Citizen

A little girl was leading her little brother, blindfolded to the movies. A policeman was puzzled and asked if anything was the matter. "Has he hurt his eyes?" "Oh, no," answered the girl. "We do this every Saturday when it's sunny. He keeps his eyes shut until we get to the movies, and then when we get in, he opens his eyes and finds seats for us in the dark." —Wall Street Journal.

One of the most astonishing things about automobile accidents is that so many of them occur in broad daylight and when vision is clear all around. What's wrong with the driver? Daydreaming? —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

"No pedson," a psychiatrist tells us "should get up in the morning until he feels like it." You're so right, Professor—and the instant we smell the bacon we're up and frisking around like a two-year-old colt. —Ottawa Citizen

Surely a means may be found through diplomatic channels for an agreement whereby foreign fishing trawlers will not operate off the Canadian coast inside the 12-mile limit specified for deep-sea Canadian trawlers. It is a ridiculous unfair situation when large Canadian trawlers are required to fish beyond the 12-mile limit and foreign trawlers, including U. S. craft, come inside the 12-mile limit up to the three-mile limit recognized by international law. —Sydney Post-Record.

A "professor" who used to wear a frock coat and a plug hat, and who played the piano on occasion at the lakehead cities three or four decades ago, died recently at Vancouver. Apart from his eccentricities in the matter of dress, and his general aloofness between engagements in silent movie theatres and at political gatherings, there was not much about his life in Winnipeg and Vancouver to justify headlines when he passed away. But headlines he received, for his death it was discovered that the man who never seemed to have much money had plenty. "Professor" William Francis had more than \$20,000 in banks from the lakehead to Vancouver, and there is evidence that bonds he has are still in safety deposit boxes at several branch banks throughout the West. That lends a bit of mystery to the man's life, and there is nothing the general public likes better than mystery. —Port William Times-Journal.

Whenever Communist delegations journey outside their borders they are accompanied by ghost which haunts them. It represents the possibility that one, or more, of their number will desert them for freedom. That is why such delegations always have with them members of the MVD, or secret police. These secret police have two duties. One is to protect members of the delegation from possible harm from agents who might wish them harm. The other is to ensure none take opportunity to escape from Communistism. The Chinese delegation at Geneva, for instance, has along with it the head of the security force. The Chinese Communists have been at international conferences so can't be certain how all members of their delegation will react to the free world. They are taking and unnecessary chances. —Windsor Star

We should not write off the coal industry. From coal can come necessities and luxuries almost beyond count: asphalt and asphalt concrete and cosmetics, paint and dyes, miracle plastics, nylon and other miracle fabrics, fertilizers, vitamins, synthetic rubber, acetylene, insecticides and many other products indispensable in our wonder world of better living. Why should the Maritime coal industry not be part of this new world? —Frederick Gleason.

A dispatch in the Stockholm newspaper Svenska Dagbladet, a translation of which has reached us rather deviously via New York, reports that serious economic and social disruption is being caused in Nigeria by inflation in the price of brides, the going rate having risen to \$600 for a literate one and \$450 for a non-reader and-writer. This bothers us on a couple of counts. For one thing, we should have thought that breaking the law of supply and demand was purely a prerogative of civilization and that in a primitive society the price of wives would automatically adjust itself to the amount that would-be husbands could afford to pay.—Hamilton Spectator.

Every time the last day of the month falls on a Friday some old age pensioners receive their cheques in the mail in time to take them to the bank before the weekend, but most don't. Certainly there are stores which will cash cheques on a Saturday, but there are people—and especially people brought up in an older tradition—who do not like divulging their financial affairs to any one but a banker. Call it a superstitious pride if you will, but it is real. It should not be very hard on such occasions for Ottawa to mail the cheques on a Friday. The little extra effort would be repaid a dozen times by the elimination for those thousands of Canadians who live from cheque to cheque, of a worried, dismal and hungry weekend. —Hamilton Spectator.

The Ontario Department of Education is being asked some searching questions regarding the education of students receiving in the secondary schools in the province. Three years ago it was Dr. Sidney Smith, president of the University of Toronto, who raised the issue on the failure of two-thirds of the students to pass what was considered to be a simple test in English. Now we find Dr. R. S. Harris, of the department of English at the same university, re-picking up the same issue, and revealing disquieting facts collected by the department relative to high school matriculants. It was found that of 300 students more than half had never written 1,000 consecutive words on any one subject, and that more than a quarter had never written an essay longer than 500 words.—Sudbury Star.

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